



St. Richard's Catholic College

A National Teaching School, a National Support School and a High Performing Specialist Science College



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Dear Parents/Carers

As the academic year 2015-2016 draws to a close, I am pleased to inform you that this has been another very successful year in the life of the college. Staff have encouraged, motivated and challenged pupils to give of their best, to serve and volunteer and to participate enthusiastically inside and outside the classroom.

I would like to thank the Governors and all the staff: teaching, support, admin, cleaning, caretaking and chaplaincy for their dedication, commitment and determination to give all pupils the best possible school experience. I would also like to thank you, as parents and carers, and the pupils themselves for the outstanding contributions this year. The whole community is really grateful to the PTFA for all their work during the year to raise much needed funds, organising the successful Summer Fayre and their support of all events with refreshments. The parental focus groups have also made a valuable contribution to school life by helping to evaluate our school practices and suggest improvements.

Trips, experiences and opportunities this term and year have been numerous with a number of highlights. The radio link with astronaut Tim Peake in the ISS will remain in many pupils and staff's memories for years to come; this year's DofE team have successfully completed their assessed expedition; the standard of music and dance presented at the Eastbourne Proms; the range of STEM and Crest Awards achieved this year; the quality of performance in this year's Performing Arts show 'Thoroughly Modern Millie'; the wonderful art on display in this year's Art Exhibition; seeing so many Year 9 and Year 10 pupils make their confirmations; the success of our sportsmen and women who recently won three trophies for participation, talent and success in the Hastings and Rother area. Along with a greater range of trips on offer this year, these events/experiences have enabled the pupils to enrich their school experience and extend their talents. Further details of all events, activities, fundraising and successes can be found in our Annual Report to Governors (June 2016) published on the school website.

Within the classroom, high quality first wave teaching and learning has remained a priority to ensure all pupils make progress. All pupils have now received a summative report. Hopefully, you were proud of your son/daughter's achievements and, where needed, will work with staff to raise attainment and attendance in the new academic year.

As the term draws to a close we say farewell and thank you to those staff moving on or retiring. Miss Cook has spent the year training with the Geography department and has now secured a job closer to home to begin her NQT year. We wish her well in what we hope will be a happy, fulfilling and successful career. As Miss Cook begins her career, our Subject Leader for Art, Mr Halligan, ends his having taught at St Richard's for 37 years. This is a fantastic achievement for a talented, hard-working professional who has inspired thousands and thousands of children, many of whom continued with Art to post-graduate level. Despite suffering ill-health in the last few years, Mr Halligan has never wavered in his determination to turn all pupils into artists. The work currently on display around the college is testament to his abilities to develop flair in the pupils. After 37 years of dedicated service, Mr Halligan now deserves a chance to sit back, relax and possibly draw and paint for his own leisure. We wish him a long, happy and healthy retirement, hoping that he will stay in touch with a community that will miss him greatly.

Thursday is the last day of term for pupils, with a whole-school Mass in the grounds (weather permitting). The day will finish for pupils at approximately 1.10pm. Details of all transport arrangements are on the back of the newsletter. Staff will continue the day with INSET related to Safeguarding and E-safety. Please note the staggered start to the academic year 2016-2017: Year 7 and 11 start on Wednesday, 7th September and Years 8, 9 and 10 start on Thursday, 8th September.

Finally, can I wish you and your families a wonderful summer holiday and thank you for all your support this year. Good luck to the Year 10 pupils off on the Morocco expedition.

Yours sincerely

D. Cronin



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

As we come to the end of another academic year, my thoughts turn to those pupils who will be leaving us and facing new challenges. I pray that they will achieve the exam results that they deserve and that they will use the skills and the knowledge that they have gained, to be the best that they can be.

Mr Chris Halligan is retiring this year after 37 years of dedicated service to St Richard's. We thank him for all that he has contributed to the school. He will be greatly missed. We wish him a happy retirement.

I would like to congratulate pupils and staff for the many successes and achievements during the past year which are too numerous to mention here. Well done to you all. The PTFA have once again organised several successful events to raise funds for the benefit of the pupils as well as providing refreshments at shows and parents' evenings. My thanks to them for their generous efforts and I am sure they would welcome further volunteers. Many trips have been organised by staff for pupils as well as Parish Masses and music/sporting events. I thank all of those involved for making these activities possible.

We will shortly be taking our summer break and I wish the whole college community a well-earned rest. Trusting you will travel safely and, wherever you go, have an enjoyable experience.

May God bless you all.

Keith Osborne, Chair of Governors

YEAR SEVEN NEWS

As we approach the end of a very successful year for so many of the Year Sevens, I would like to thank all of them for the effort and dedication put into their studies. I have publicly stated throughout the year that I think Year Seven is the 'best' year group in the college and you only have to look at their involvement in extra-curricular clubs to see this. We finish the year with lots of celebrations and exciting events such as the End of Year show - Thoroughly Modern Millie, sports day, sports assembly, whole school Mass and the Year Seven BBQ & Race for Life event.

One concern I must raise about my year group is some pupils' conduct on social media. Their messages to one another or 'posting' of comments about one another. It is very sad to highlight this issue once again, but some pupils are either leaving themselves in vulnerable positions or being extremely unkind about others. I would urge all parents/carers to monitor their children's social media accounts, especially their shared chats as this may lead to problems. If you would like help with this please do not hesitate to contact the college or a useful website is www.thinkuknow.co.uk.

Parental Feedback from Parents' Evening: Thank you to all parents who completed a survey. If you did indicate that you have an issue, or your child is struggling in any aspect of life at St Richard's and you did not speak to me on parents' evening, please contact me as soon as possible so we can get you child back on track. The feedback from the evening is detailed below:

99% of parents thought that their child was doing well or very well, only one parent felt their child was doing not so well. Parents commented on the rate of progress their child has made out of 5. The results were:

1 (not at all)	2	3 (at a steady rate)	4	5 (rapidly)
1%	3%	39%	42%	15%

The majority of parents indicated that their child spent approximately one hour doing homework each night. I would urge parents to make contact with college if it is less than this or over two hours. 90% of parents replied that their child was happy and safe at St Richard's, 9% 'sometimes' and one parent replied 'no' to this question. Again I would urge parents to make contact with college regarding this.

Parents had the opportunity to raise concerns regarding transport, school meals and behaviour. With regard to public transport, especially the trains, at present we all share your frustrations. Please do make contact directly with the train service. At the train station each night there are two members of staff supervising the children getting onto the train safely. If there is an issue with a delayed train, extra staff are sent to the station to help out.

School meals were highlighted by some parents as a concern regarding choice especially when the Year Sevens are 'last' to lunch. I have to say that there is always choice when it is their turn, but sometimes not the choices they would like. Certainly the main meal (both meat and vegetarian) are still on offer right to the end of lunchtime.

With regard to behaviour, I hope I have dealt with the small number of individual issues raised with me and highlighted within the survey.

Finally, can I say thank you to all parents who have supported their children this year. Time has flown by and I am certain they are ready to meet the challenges of Year Eight.

Mr Bligh, Pastoral Leader Year 7 (mrblighj@strichardscc.com)

YEAR EIGHT NEWS

The year appears to have accelerated exponentially and suddenly I find myself typing the final news article to you as parents/carers of our Year 8 pupils. It has been a year of change and growth, both academically and socially. Friendship groups have morphed as many pupils have encountered social challenges and learned more about themselves and their identities as young people. As well as the academic demands of school, it has been great to see so many pupils engaged in the wider life of school, including clubs, teams, trips, events and the school show.

Charity work: All forms have participated in raising money this year and I have been very impressed and proud of their efforts. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting the school's charity events throughout the year.

PSHEe: Work since the last newsletter has focussed on 'Financial Capability,' 'Careers' and 'Risk'. Pupils had to consider finance and the critical differences between wants and needs, as well as considering where earnings go and how they will support themselves in the future. I know the PSHEe programme has been valuable for the Year 8 pupils this year. I would like to thank the Year 8 tutors for working through it and adapting it to suit the needs of their respective form classes.

Be The Best You Can Be: The programme has inspired pupils to push themselves in many areas of school and has created a healthy competition between the form groups, and perhaps between a few of the tutors. Thank you to Mr Varney for managing the programme. He will reveal who has won the final term award at our last assembly.

Liturgy: The remaining forms enjoyed Masses and Services in the final term this year, completing a year of pupil led liturgy. In addition, we enjoyed a Year 8 Mass with Deacon Eugene in June. I recall the long and deliberate pause prior to delivering the Homily, a subtle message for us all to pause at times, slow down, take stock and be thankful.

The entire year group descended upon Ashburnham for a retreat day on Block Day. The pupils engaged in an activity entitled, 'World Feast' which was extremely hands on and interactive. It really did enable them to see what different regions of our planet contribute and reap from the production of food.

Thank you and Goodbye: As you may be aware, PC Ellis retired from Sussex Police at the end of June. She has been our Community Liaison Officer for many years. I would like to thank her on behalf of Year 8 for all the work she has done this year and in previous years.

And Finally: It has been a busy year working with your children, which I have greatly enjoyed. The current Year 8 are a talented group who have become more cohesive as the year has progressed. I wish them all every success with the remainder of their journey at St Richard's and in the future.

Mr Carradine, Pastoral Leader Year 8 (mrcarradinee@strichardscc.com)

YEAR NINE NEWS

Year 9 have had a very positive term 6. I was delighted to read the recent reports and see 63 pupils receive Certificates of Commendation for 3 or more pluses for exceeding their target grades. We are taking 25 pupils to a local restaurant in Bexhill for our Year 9 rewards afternoon. The choices were made by the form tutors and myself not on academic achievement only but for kindness to others and for excellent attendance and behaviour. Year 9 recently enjoyed their Community Cohesion day on Thursday, 7th July.

9F have had another fantastic year and have shown a huge amount of support, encouragement and determination in all they have done. They rallied together to raise money for VICTA (supporting children with visual impairment) as well as enthusiastically supporting a variety of other events and charities. Their contribution to the Love in a Box campaign was absolutely phenomenal. Many are consistently trying their best and achieving highly, as well as taking part in sports, music, drama, trips, STEM and other opportunities. They really look out for each other and I know that this will continue into Year 10. Thank you, parents, for your continued support of the form – have a great summer! *Miss Wood*

I am tremendously proud of the progress all members of **9L** have made this year. It has been lovely to see the group grow in maturity and to see so many participate in all that St Richard's has to offer. I am really pleased with the level of engagement in charity events, form service and assembly this year and appreciate their ability to undertake activities with a greater level of independence. I look forward to watching some of you perform in the school show and wish all of you a restful and enjoyable summer before we enter that critical phase in our educational careers, GCSEs. *Miss Soan*

Well done to **9O** for all their charity fundraising over the year. We produced an assembly dealing with the harsh realities of homelessness in the UK and abroad and made a collection on behalf of Shelter. We have generously donated to various charities on Muffin days and collaboratively designed and built an anti-bullying wall which went on display in the college. *Mr Peachment*

9U have enjoyed a productive year with the recycled wreath raising over £200 (well done Abbie!) and a thought provoking assembly on 'Challenge.' We look forward to a positive transition to the Upper School. *Dr Durkin*

The year has passed so fast. It seems like yesterday we were together on our first day in Year 7. Now we are about to start KS4. I have been pleased with the work ethic and attitude **9R** have displayed this year. We continue to sponsor the orphanage. Over £800 has been raised this year. To me it shows the spirit of St Richard's, when at a time of austerity for us all, there is still room to give to those less fortunate than ourselves. On a personal note I thank my tutor group and their families for the messages of kindness expressed when I was ill earlier in the year. Some of the tutor group have taken an early GCSE this year and we look forward to the results. I know they have given their best. I look forward to another successful year. *Mr Gallivan*

As they approach upper school this has been a good year for **9I**. The form continues to support our charity, Lend with Care, as well as other charity events such as the sponsored walk for CAFOD, Love in a Box and Surviving Christmas. Members of the form are very committed to college life with several pupils gaining leadership roles next year as Student Listeners. Others have taken part in dancing and sports events. Well done, **9I**. *Dr Littlejohns*

Thank you **9S** for being a lovely form to get to know this year. It has been great to find out more about you and help you through Year 9. You have made me proud, laugh, and smile in equal measure as we have raised money, performed our assembly, created our Mass and participated in the form activities and quizzes that I make you do every week! Have a wonderful summer break, enjoy every day and come back to school refreshed and ready for the challenge of GCSEs ahead of you. See you in September. *Mrs Hoyle*

2015-2016 has been a productive year for **9H**. It has been a pleasure to see them grow in maturity and build closer friendships as the year has progressed. I look forward to continue to get to know them over the coming year and I am sure they will work hard for a productive Year 10. *Mrs Howis*

I wish you all a happy and peaceful summer.

Mr Doherty, Pastoral Leader Year 9 (mrdohertry@strichardsgcc.com)

YEAR TEN NEWS

This has been another very good and extremely busy term for Year 10. Thank you for all your contributions to our charity work, social events and our wider community throughout the year.

Reports: I am currently in the process of reading the Year 10 reports: I hope to learn that so many of our pupils are making the progress needed to secure their aspirational grades. Pupils who will need extra support to achieve the necessary grades for college will receive an intervention

programme from September. Please work closely with us on this so that we are able to give your child the very best chance of maximising their future choices.

Prefects: The prefect selection process is underway. A large number of excellent applications have been put forward for consideration. So many of our young people are contributing brilliantly to the wider life of the college and there are so many pupils who we know would make excellent prefects. The selection process is always a difficult one. Please be assured that it is deliberated over at length and done in the fairest way possible. Any pupil who does not make prefect status this term will be given specific feedback and guidance so that he/she may re-apply with confidence (having hit the targets given) in term one of the new academic year. Please support them in their endeavours to do this.

Work Experience: Work experience was an extremely successful week. Well done to you all! The pupils, once again, made us all proud with their conduct, good manners and willingness to get involved and take on a variety of roles. Some pupils received particularly excellent reports and, as a result, will be awarded a special star certificate in assembly.

Glyne Gap Teddy Bears' Picnic: At the end of term 5, Mrs Kelly organised a Teddy Bears' Picnic with 16 of our Year 10 pupils and the pupils from Glyne Gap Special Needs School. It was a really lovely occasion with our pupils enjoying sharing lunch and playing games with some of the Glyne Gap pupils, culminating in a Teddy Bear hunt. Well done to all those involved.

Block Day - Transition to College: All Year 10 pupils experienced a taster day at Bexhill College last Thursday. It was an excellent day. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed themselves; got to see how a college day would run; had an opportunity to experience taster lessons in four subjects and a chance to ask lots of questions. All pupils have received an email with a user name and password for the UCAS online college application. Pupils should spend the summer looking up different courses and colleges to get a flavour of what is out there. Bexhill College, Sussex Coast College and Sussex Downs will be presenting to the pupils in their PSHE lessons next term. Keep an eye out for all the open evenings coming up. The pupils will be guided through the whole process of application and receive support in writing their personal statements in PSHE lessons next term. They should therefore not start this process at home until all the proper guidance has been given by school. Everything will be done in plenty of time. It is worth noting though that applications to Grammar or Private schools are completed earlier in the new academic year. All will have information on their websites, so it is very important that you are looking at this together with your child.

Wishing you all the very best for a happy, safe and relaxing summer holiday.

Miss Easton, Pastoral Leader Year 10 (misseastonk@strichardsgcc.com)

YEAR ELEVEN NEWS



Prom: The prom was another wonderful success this year. The weather was beautiful and matched perfectly the stunning outfits of all of Year 11. There was much excitement at the different modes of transport used to take the young ladies and gentlemen to the

Powdermills this year. These included a stunning horse drawn carriage, a specially painted 'St Richard's themed van,' vintage cars, stretch limos and a fleet of motorbikes. Pupils enjoyed a lovely meal followed by dancing. The Head Boy, Head Girl and their Deputies treated everyone to a very 'unique' first dance this year that was clearly very well-choreographed. We shall miss our Year 11 pupils greatly and wish them every happiness and success in their future lives. We hope they will come back to see us often.



Yearbook: The Year 11 Yearbook team produced a fantastic Yearbook which was sold on the last day of Term 5. The team managed to sell over 120 copies raising over £240 profit. The money raised will go to the PTFA. There are still a few copies available to buy from Ms Tocknell in the Library for £5 each. Please email mrcampbellj@strichardscc.com if you have been unable to purchase one. Many thanks to the Yearbook Team for all their hard work and dedication in putting the class of 2016's memories together: Ben Green, Jessica O'Donnell, Elena Murdoch, India Godin, Moira Mendoza, Isobel Wheeler, Katherine Pickup, Anya Jackson, Katherine Turner, John Vasquez, Munashe Makwiramiti, Charlotte Greenlees, George Handrihan, Angelica Rodriguez and Megan McHale.

Mrs Bligh, Vice-Principal & Pastoral Leader Year 11 (mrsblighd@strichardscc.com)

GCSE Exams Results Day - Thursday, 25th August 9.30-11.00 in the Main Hall

Please note that results cannot be given out over the telephone and that other people are not permitted to collect your results for you, unless you have arranged this in advance with Mr Boakes, Exams Officer, and given written permission. Any results not collected will be posted to the home address. On results day there will be several members of staff available for advice and congratulations.

Those pupils in Year 10 and below may elect to collect their results when they return to school, from individual subject areas.

Year 9 Community Cohesion Block Day Report

On 7th July, St Richard's organised a Block Day to give each pupil in Year 9 the opportunity to explore the issues of religious and cultural diversity. The day was about exploring the theme of community cohesion and it was inspiring! We had a variety of workshops including: Flying Blind, Hinduism, Just Different, Positive Voices, Oriental-Dragon and Wheelchair basketball. All of the workshops were amazing. One of the many workshops that was enjoyed was Positive Voices - this workshop was a real eye opener. It was about people with HIV and AIDS. During the HIV talk we heard some personal stories about people with HIV and that they thought HIV was a death sentence. Actually, you can live a normal life providing you take your medication every day (if you need it) to keep you healthy. These talks changed the opinions of many pupils. For example, I didn't know much about HIV and some people thought that only a certain group of people were able to contract HIV. These stereotypes were challenged and we learnt about the causes of the disease and how you can protect yourself from it. It helped us to explore the impact of living with HIV and AIDS. We explored the challenges such as prejudice, stereotypes and misconceptions about HIV and AIDS.



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The Just Different workshop was presented by a man called Toby who had a severe disability. He couldn't speak or walk. When I walked in I didn't know what to say or what to do. I felt very nervous. He started talking, via a computer, about what his life was like and it wasn't much different from ours. He made us do an activity where we had to feed each other yogurt and this was very frustrating that we couldn't do it ourselves. By the end of the talk I felt very comfortable and felt that he was actually talking to me and not the computer. He said that he was happy with his life and that we should go up to people with disabilities and talk to them. He understood that we were shy and nervous but he said that disabled people were just different and that we should give them a smile or talk to them. I was inspired by him so much and felt that he could inspire so many people.

We also got to play wheelchair basketball and blind football which was a lot of fun. We learnt that wheelchair basketball utilises the same rules as able-bodied basketball. We also had a workshop on Hinduism during which we dressed up in traditional Indian clothing. We also learnt about the Ramayana story (a story of Lord Rama) and spent some time in meditation. We received an insight into the prayers, different gods and the rich culture behind Hinduism.

Overall, this day was really brilliant and we loved it because, not only was it productive and active, but it made us understand the importance and dedication these people have and helped us correct our misconceptions about cultural diversity. It also helped us learn about the different types of people in our society, especially those we don't really take notice of or we have wrong opinions of. My thanks to everyone who came and led the workshops. You gave us a day that we will never forget and helped us to understand people with different backgrounds. We are very thankful that we got to experience the diverse community we live in, especially as our generation do not always take into account the different misconceptions without taking on board the reality behind them. *By Angel Joy and Elvita Blinova 9F*



MFL NEWS

MFL Club meets

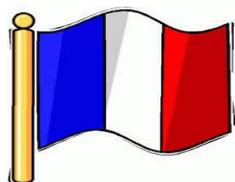
Every Monday: 12:45pm until 1:30 pm
French (B14) Spanish (B13) German (B5)



What's been happening in German Club?

We have been learning some football vocabulary ready to cheer on the German, Austrian and Swiss national football teams in the Euro 2016 championship! Thank you to everybody who's made our Monday lunchtimes so enjoyable and contributed to the many varied football activities on offer! If you would like to get involved, meet new people and learn some German, then come along to

B5! Everybody welcome!



French Club News

Well done to all those pupils who have attended French Club during this academic year. Thank you for your enthusiasm and contribution to the range of activities taking place this year. Highlights have included learning about Christmas in France including some enthusiastic carol singing; the sharing of the Epiphany 'King Cake' tradition; the Easter Treasure Hunt and the friendly competition with a variety of French games!

Congratulations to the Year 10 French Club helpers whose help in leading the activities for their younger peers has been invaluable. Particular thanks go to Amy Tattersall, Megan Tattersall and Laura Nobrega who have always been on hand to help even during the busy exam season recently.

The team of helpers are currently making plans for next year's club. We are evaluating what has been enjoyed this year and what pupils would be interested in having included as activities at the club next year. We are looking to welcome new members from amongst the new Year 7 pupils and those who will be moving into Year 8 in September. Please can any Year 9 pupils studying GCSE French going into Year 10 who would be interested in developing their leadership skills, see Miss Chong before the end of term.



This Month's Fun Factoids:

The 'quetzel' is the national bird of Guatemala. Guatemala's former president Jose Maria Orellana in 1924 gave this county's currency the name of this beautiful bird.

A Guatemalan legend says that when the Spaniards arrived in Guatemala there was a horrible fight between their armies and the Quiches (an ancient town of Mayan natives). Once it was over many quetzals were said to have landed on dead Mayans' bodies. Hence why their chests are red.

Do you know what the term '**les grandes vacances**' is referring to in France?

Answer: The school holidays in France which start in July and finish at the end of August.

German goalkeeper **Manuel Neuer** once won €500,000 on the German version of Who Wants To Be A Millionaire. He's clearly not just a safe pair of hands!



Spanish Club

El mes de Guatemala. Every month we choose a Spanish speaking country to research. **June was Guatemala month!**

Pupils have been researching the ancient and modern Mayan culture and have prepared some resources to share with their classmates in lessons to enrich their cultural knowledge of Latin America!

They have also created an **End of Year Spanish Quiz for each Year group** which will take place during the last week of term. There will be suitable **Spanish themed prizes for the winners!**

This month's **cross curricular focus is music!** Have you heard of **Ricardo Arjona**? He is a famous **pop star in Guatemala**. Here is a YouTube link to one of his hits (about 350 million visits so far!):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dj0Cw3yyvzU>

'My Chinese Teacher' Mandarin programme for Year 7 and 8 你好

Twenty-three pupils from Years 7 and 8 have taken part in a five week programme of 'My Chinese Teacher' during term 6. Pupils took up this exciting opportunity to gain an introduction to the Chinese language and culture during a 30 minute weekly session held every Wednesday morning from 8.00-8.30am.

The pupils are to be congratulated on their enthusiasm and their commitment to getting into school extra early which was necessary due to the time difference with China, as our Chinese teacher was broadcast live using video-conferencing software from Beijing.

Our Chinese teacher, Freddy Guo, was an engaging teacher who gave the pupils an introduction to the language with its spoken tones and use of pinyin (the written form of Mandarin using the Latin alphabet) within topics such as greetings and personal introductions. Pupils also gained a cultural insight into the geography and cultural traditions of China.

Here are some examples of comments made by pupils in their evaluations about what they enjoyed the most during the Mandarin sessions:

'I have enjoyed learning a completely different language and finding out about the country too' (Isabelle Pilon 8S)

'I loved how we interacted and learnt from a native person living in China' (Juliata Prabhakaran 8O)

'I enjoyed learning the phrases and the spoken language most.' (Harry Walker 8I)

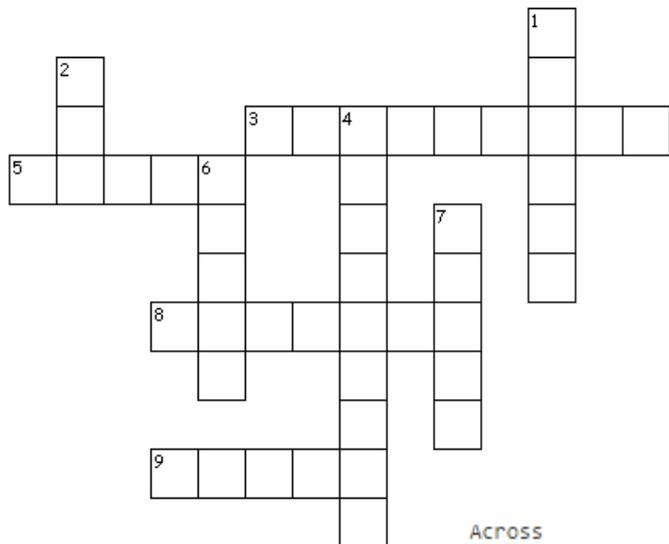
'It has been really fun as we have found out a lot about China itself and the culture too as well as the language' (Rose Wood 8U)

'I have really enjoyed learning Chinese and about the culture – all of it has been really fun!' (Chiara Wells 7I)

'I enjoyed most the way our teacher Freddy involved us and made it fun!' (Ben Simmons 7R)



Are you holiday ready? Find out in our MFL crossword!



Across

- 3. passport in Spanish
- 5. beach in Spanish
- 8. tourist in German
- 9. ice cream in French

Down

- 1. holiday in German
- 2. sun in Spanish
- 4. swimming in German
- 6. plane in French
- 7. hotel in French

Red Butler Music Summer School

Red Butler Music School has organised two three day music summer schools for ages 7 - 14 taking place this August at Buxted primary school. It is designed to provide fun opportunities for young musicians to play and learn in bands under the guidance of enthusiastic and professional tutors.

Course 1: Buxted Primary School: Mon 15th - Wed 17th August, 9 - 5pm

Course 2: Buxted Primary School Mon 22nd – Wed 24th August, 9 - 5pm

For more details please contact: info@redbutlermusicschool.com

Online Application Form for Parents

(<http://form.jotformeu.com/form/51842727959369>)

Careers Information

CALLING ALL FORMER PUPILS

Did you go to St Richard's Catholic College? If you're a former pupil who would like to support current pupils, the college would love to hear from you! Right now, there are pupils in the assembly hall where you once sat, facing similar challenges and opportunities that you did. Being connected to you could really help them. The college is one of more than 500 state schools across Britain which have registered with the charity Future First to set up networks of former pupils or alumni. Future First's vision is that every state school or college should be supported by a thriving, engaged alumni community that helps it to do more for its pupils. More than 50,000 former pupils across Britain have already signed up to stay connected with their old school. They are inspiring young people in a number of ways: as career and education role models, mentors or e-mentors, work experience providers, governors, donors or fundraisers. It doesn't matter when you left school, whether you're in further education or employment, whether you still live nearby or have moved further away; there are still ways you can help! You can sign up to Future First's alumni scheme by following this link: <https://networks.futurefirst.org.uk/former-student-ms-s1/strichards>

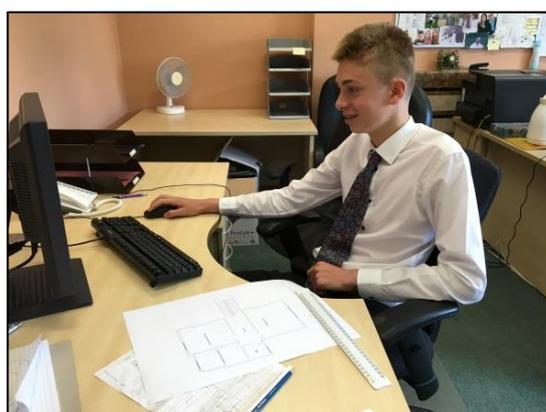
YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

On Tuesday, 6th June 2016 the Year 10 pupils took part in a work experience preparation morning. The morning involved a variety of activities within their form, such as:

- Preparing CVs
- Completing application and medical forms – for their work experience placement
- Looking at Health and Safety in the work place
- Interview technique
- Role play of various scenarios that they could face whilst out on placement.

The pupils also took part in a 20 minute interview with one of 53 employers, all of whom were volunteers from the Rotary Club, parents/carers and businesses from across the local area. The employers were impressed by the smartness of the pupils, who were asked to wear suitable work attire for the day rather than their school uniform, and by how responsive the pupils were during their interviews. The pupils found their mock interviews to be a very useful learning experience, helping them to think about how to prepare for future interviews as well as giving them more confidence in how to conduct themselves. We are extremely grateful to all the employers for giving up their valuable time. It was a great success with the pupils getting much value from the interviews. Well done to Year 10 who looked fantastic on the day and were a real credit to the school.

Year 10 pupils participated in a week's work experience from 27th June – 1st July in placements offered by over 180 companies and organisations based mainly in the South East. This is part of our Year 10 PSHE programme where the pupils have the opportunity to prepare themselves for future careers. Whilst on placement, the pupils had a work experience diary to complete about their experience and practice of the world of work. They were visited or telephoned by a member of staff who talked to them about their experience and checked on the quality of the placement. Kenny Tutt, Santander, said "It's great to see the enthusiasm and passion these young people have." Overall, the employers were very impressed with the pupils, some even gaining part time jobs from their placements.



Mrs Adams, Careers and Work Experience Co-ordinator (mrsadams@strichardscc.com)

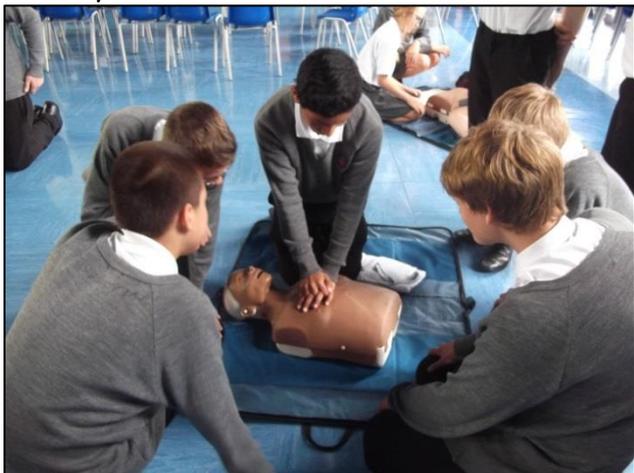
Year 8 CPR Training

During the summer term all of our Year 8 pupils have attended a session run by South East Coast Ambulance service. The session includes:

- Adult Hands Only CPR - using the Resusci Annie Dolls
- Recovery position
- Overview of the school Defibrillator - how it works and how to use it, if required.

The pupils who have attended so far have found the session really useful, stating, "I think that CPR training is very important as it allows us to have the knowledge to save lives, so if someone has a heart attack, we can increase their chance of survival."

Thank you to the staff of South East Coast Ambulance Service for giving up their time.



John Muir Award

Pupils in Year 7 completing the John Muir Award, recently enjoyed a day of activities on the Ashburnham Estate. These included: learning how to light a fire (without matches), orienteering, problem solving, planting in the walled garden and a low ropes course.

In total 145 pupils completed their Award and have now received their Discovery Level certificates. It's been a great year working together in our local 'wild' places, discovering more about them, appreciating the benefits they bring us and doing something to help look after them. I hope all pupils who took part enjoyed the experience. I thought everyone did excellently and I was impressed with the way you threw yourselves (quite



literally at times) into the different activities we did, no matter what the weather was like! It's possible to do the John Muir at higher levels and if this is something you want to look into, more information can be found on the John Muir website: www.johnmuirtrust.org

Finally, I encourage you to keep getting out into wild places and exploring the world around you. As you have experienced, it's great fun and wild places need people like you to protect them for future generations to enjoy.

Mr Harwood





COMPUTING AND ICT DEPARTMENT

DOING IT TOGETHER - Personal Information

Having a discussion with your child about personal information is a great way for you to gain an insight into their understanding of the meaning of personal information. Specifically it allows you to identify where there may be gaps in their knowledge or understanding.

From an early age, children get taught at school about personal information both in the real world and the online world so you normally find that they know quite a lot, therefore you could consider having a quiz to see who can guess the most.

Once you've done that, discuss with your child the range of online services that they use, for example do they:

- Use Social Media?
- Have a YouTube channel?
- Play online games?
- Chat on web forums?

It's highly likely they do at least two of the above (age-dependent) so this has the added advantage of understanding what they get up to, and why.

More often than not, children will adopt a username (rather than their real name) to identify them on various online services. This is pretty common and many online services require you to have a separate username to identify you.

Discuss with your children what usernames they have adopted, for example do they use the same username across all the services they use or do they adopt different ones?

Do those usernames reveal personally identifiable information that you're not comfortable with? On rare occasions I have seen usernames that have a sexual reference (e.g. sexyeyes99). If you find anything like this, get it removed and have a discussion about using names that are appropriate, as this would be a specific risk.

Do a Google search together on their usernames to see if you find anything. Information courtesy of www.e-safety-advisor.com

Mr Fegan, Subject Leader - Computing and ICT

ART DEPARTMENT



We are almost at the end of term 6 which means both halves of the year are now completing their final projects. Good luck to our GCSE pupils who will find out their results on 25th August. On behalf of Mr Halligan and myself I would like to thank Miss Rawson, Mrs Robertson and Mrs Nicholls for all their hard work and help in the Art Department during the year. I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to Miss Pennington who will join the Art Department in September. Finally the whole department would like to wish Mr Halligan a very long, healthy and happy retirement. Mr Halligan has been teaching Art at St Richard's for 37 years and his professionalism, dedication, talent and enthusiasm will be greatly missed by pupils, parents and staff alike.

Mr Peachment

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Glyndebourne: I have managed to secure a limited number of tickets for 'Don Giovanni' at Glyndebourne on Wednesday, 2nd November 2016. As usual, we have been able to benefit from a huge discount, and the total cost including return coach travel will be £16. Tickets will be offered in the first instance to GCSE music pupils, including current Year 9s who will be studying GCSE music from September. Any remaining tickets will be offered to KS3 pupils. Pupils interested should see me as soon as possible to collect a letter.



Summer Fayre: Many thanks to Xavier Ralph (Year 8) and Owain Lusted (Year 11), both of whom sang and played guitar at the summer fayre last Saturday. They each added to the enjoyment of what was an extremely busy event.



Last Night of the Bexhill Proms: Bexhill Festival of Music has been in full swing over the past couple of

weeks, and one of my favourite events was Bexhill's own 'Last Night of the Proms' at the De La Warr Pavilion. It's always good to see St Richard's musicians involved in community performances, and I spotted Luke Dell singing in the community choir! Well done, Luke. Sadly, the 'Summer Sing' event was cancelled, but we very much hope it will return next year.

With all good wishes from the music department for a restful summer, and our thanks to all pupils and parents who have supported our many public performances over the past year.

Mr Roadknight, Subject Leader – Music

DRAMA DEPARTMENT

Thoroughly Modern Millie: By the time you read this, the school production of 'Thoroughly Modern Millie' will be almost over and I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has helped to make it a fantastic experience for all the pupils involved. The commitment to rehearsal and the collaborative efforts of the cast, staff and parents has been truly astonishing. From donating costumes and painting the set (at evenings and weekends!) to sourcing props and designing posters – the staff and pupils of St Richard's have gone above and beyond this year. I hope we can continue to create such a buzz with the summer show in years to come, as it is obvious the talents of our pupils are endless. Well done to everyone - 'Thoroughly Modern Millie' is definitely a show to be proud of and I hope you enjoyed watching it as much as we enjoyed creating it!

Shakespeare School's Festival: As one project draws to a close, the next is never far behind! The Year 7 and 8 drama club have begun rehearsals for 'King Lear' in earnest, and we are now fully cast and ready to go! The adaptation of this famous play is our school's contribution to the national Shakespeare Festival and the final performance will be at The White Rock Theatre, Hastings on the evening of Tuesday, 15th November (contact the theatre box office directly for tickets). Please book early to avoid disappointment as we are performing with four other local schools so

space will be limited. Act fast - in the words of Lear himself "nothing comes of nothing!"

Shakespeare
SCHOOLS FESTIVAL

Lights!: The school is now the proud owner of a professional stage lighting system in the main hall and we are very excited about putting our state of the art equipment to good use. If anyone is interested in learning about lighting design and operation, please come and see me. It would be fantastic to develop some young designers and engineers to add to the long list of creative talent here at St Richard's.



Have a healthy and happy summer.

Mrs Dunster, Subject Leader - Drama (mrsdunsters@strichardscc.com)

Pupil Leadership

Congratulations to Orla Phipps IIO, who after her work in the East Sussex Youth Cabinet has been elected onto the National Youth Parliament representing Hastings and Rother. Orla will act on issues which arise nationally through the Big Vote and local Youth Cabinet meetings.

Interact Club

Congratulations to the Interact Club who have been acknowledged for their hard work this year and presented with a certificate recognising their personal qualities and community spirit from the Rotary Club. The Interact Club was nominated for the Rotary Young Citizen of the Year, unfortunately they were not successful this year.

This recommendation was due to their tireless work including the record breaking Love in a Box campaign, End Polio Now cake sales, Rotary senior citizens tea party and most recently raising money for the charity Sepsis through the 'guess the teacher' stall at the Summer Fayre.



The Crest

We have had many more pupils receiving The Crest bronze, silver and gold awards this term. The updated list is presented below. We would like to see more pupils in the Lower School pushing for the bronze, silver or gold awards in which the Year 10 and 11 pupils have been so successful.

The Crest

"Volunteering to improve the lives of others in our community and beyond"

Take part in a school performance, or represent the school through a team, club or organisation for a sustained period of time.

Have the opportunity to meet a person/people who can widen our knowledge of the world we live in.

Experience a professional performance or event.

Contribute to a campaign for justice, a community based project inside or outside of school or make a significant contribution to the liturgical life of the school.

Role of leadership: take on a leadership role within the school.

Experience work related learning.

Spiritual visit to a place of worship of religious importance in order to gain an understanding of other cultures within our society.

To undertake a peer support or mentoring role for younger pupils.

If a pupil has gained four letters they earn the bronze award, six letters earns the silver award and the full eight letters earns the gold award.

Gold: Avrey Camenforte, William Carey, Hannah Claasen, Serena Coyle, Maria Crowter, Patrycja Dabrowska, Amelia Davey, Steeve Davis, Stephanie Deans, Fleur Durrant, Katarzyna Fedor, Florence Forde, Monica Gibbs, Lucy Gwynne, Zoe Hamer, Robyn Harlow, Hannah Heggie, Lucy Jackson, Jayan Jackson, Troy Kamangala, Paola Lai, Ethan Macdonald, Laura Nobrega, Tadi Nyamajiwa, Poppy Osman, Zak

Radbourne, Emilie-Jayne Ralph, Natalia Srodek, Chesly Sunny, Amy Tattersall, Megan Tattersall, Jitsy Juda Thadevus, Katherine Turner, Luca Wells, Chloe Wilkinson and Elizabeth Craze.

Silver: Elizabeth Godson, Caitlin Hall, Roshana Iruthayaraj, Rebecca Standen, Luca Auld, Edward Ball, Russell Beattie, Lelia Bowler, Tye Champion, Katherine Durbidge, Tom Durrant, Elisha Edwards, Liana Espiritu, Alienor Gregg-Smith, Harry Hawkins, Tallulah Heeson, Alisha Hunter, Anya Jackson, George Kee, Rumbidzai Mapanzure, Gabriele Mercado, Ella Pickles, Abraham Rey, Louie Sullivan, Megan Symes and Emma Van Zutphen.

Bronze: Phoebe Driver, Joyce Ng, Noah Canby, Connor Chicken, Thomas Coleman, Zak Davis, Martha Derhun, Jack Eaton, Chantelle Fullam, Antonio Fusciardi, Kieran Hook, Meg Isaacs, Emily Kimber, Max Lai, Anna Lumb, Angus Morgan, Aidan Phillips, Orla Phipps, Harry Rumary, Luigi Salas, Caitlyn Skilton, Maria Stylianou, Dominic Tadros, Oliver Tattersall, Chloe Thompson, Chloe Upton, Isobel Wheeler, Alexandra Williams, Tara Willis and Danny Willis.

Student Listeners

Congratulations to the pupils below who have been selected to be our Student Listeners for next year:

Kasey Cosens, Lara Lippin, Jack Eaton, Oliver Glynn, Joseph Moy, Elvita Blinova, Angel Joy, Hannah Jones, Abbie Fairhurst, Poppy Derhun, Christine John, Ben Stotesbury-Byrne, Khushi Gupta, Alexander Field, Olivia Robertson, Ileana Buagas, Ethan O'Hara-Harris, Chris Varghese, Lucy Woolridge, Helena Hudson, Chloe Wilkinson, Olivia White, Stephanie Puri, Isobel Corbin, Martha Hellett, Honey Madrideo, Anisha Kamboj, Tamara Tarimo, Amina Bastante Pain, Lucinda Hamilton-Burns, Nina Lazar, Kirsten Ilagan, Tilly Harrison and Aliyah Dialino.

Journals

At the request of pupils and parents, we are continuing with 'Show My Homework' next year alongside journals. We have found this an excellent way of ensuring pupils and parents are fully aware of what homework is being set and for when. It has also given teachers the opportunity to differentiate homework and add support materials.

Pupils have requested a bespoke journal that enables them to record their reward points and important reminders. It also provides space for parents and teachers to communicate with one another.

We have taken on board parent and pupil requests and are now in a situation where we can rebind journals if they come loose.

With the help of a donation from the PTFA we have managed to do all of this without raising the price of the journal. My thanks to the School Council and Parental Focus Group for helping us come up with this dual way of tracking homework.

Mrs Bligh

Congratulations to...

Sophia Rudko, 7U, has recently attended a Regional Training Camp run by the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) Talent Team in London.

Katie Clifton, 9S, has recently performed as Julie Jackson in Pack of Lies at The Stables Theatre in Hastings.



The EU Referendum

As the UK prepared for the EU Referendum, St Richard's ran its own referendum on membership of the European Union.

The importance of the decision to remain or leave the EU clearly captured the pupils' imagination and there was a real sense of excitement and interest as pupils discussed the issues in the weeks leading up to the historic occasion. This was supported in PSHE and tutor time where pupils watched some of the news coverage and explored the arguments for and against remaining in the EU.



On the day of the referendum, our pupils were given the opportunity to attend a debate about the issues surrounding EU membership. Leading the 'Remain' camp was Emilie-Jayne Ralph, who delivered a brilliant speech emphasising the importance of unity and the economic benefits of being in the EU. On the opposing side, Ethan Macdonald, led the Brexit charge and again delivered an impassioned and brilliant speech emphasising the opportunities and benefits we would gain by leaving the EU.



Both Ethan and Emilie-Jayne made campaign videos which were shown as part of the debate and these can be accessed online using the following links:

Ethan's Leave Campaign Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zAqcyUQIUrk>

Emilie-Jayne 'Stay' Campaign Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hy4UEeTW9Qs&feature=youtu.be>

Over 300 pupils crammed into the hall to hear the arguments and share their own thoughts. What ensued was a lively debate in which a diverse range of views were displayed covering topics from economics, immigration, democracy, security and national identity.

We were delighted to welcome Huw Merriman, MP for Bexhill and Battle, who chaired the debate and helped clarify the arguments as well as involve many of the audience. At the end of the debate, pupils were given an opportunity to vote and it was clear that the overwhelming majority were in favour of remaining in the EU.

At the end of the school day, all pupils were given a voting slip and cast their vote before leaving school. 68.1% of our community voted to remain compared to 31.9% who were in favour of leaving. This led to an interesting discussion in school the following morning!

On his Twitter account that evening, Huw described Emilie-Jayne and Ethan as "brilliant speakers" and said that it was a "pleasure to chair the debate" with our pupils. While not expressing a view on the referendum during the campaign, Huw finally announced that he was voting to remain and posted Emilie-Jayne's video quoting that "it sums it up for me."

All in all, it was a wonderful experience for our pupils to engage in a democratic process and follow live events as they were happening. My sincere thanks to all of our pupils, especially Emilie-Jayne and Ethan, and to MP Huw Merriman for engaging with our pupils on such an important issue.

Mr Byrne, Vice Principal





History Department News

YEARS 7 AND 8 POSTCARD COMPETITION

This summer, the History Department would like to set you a challenge. Can you send the History Department a postcard from a historical location that you have visited; with a few comments about what you learnt from your experience? It could range from a local landmark, like Hastings Castle, to more exotic landmarks, such as the Pyramids of Giza. Remember, History is about people, places and events, so the possibilities are endless! Prize winners will be announced in September. Address postal entries to: *The History Department, St Richard's Catholic College, Ashdown Rd, Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex TN40 1SE.*



THE ACTIVE HISTORIAN AWARD PRIZE WINNERS

Seven dedicated and passionate Year 8 Active Historians showcased their independent learning projects to an audience of their peers, staff, family and school Governor, Alison Horan.

Each Active Historian chose their own topic area and enquiry question. Carl Gonzales: Has medicine improved since Hippocrates? Kiara Sendhilkumaran: To what extent did Greek mythology influence Ancient Athenians? Aleezah Lopena: To what extent was the War of the Roses affected by Henry VI's reign? Aiden Dadswell: What was the impact of WWI on society? Dilys Cornford: To what extent did the Terracotta Army instil fear in the Chinese people? Alen Geevarghese: Was it because Asoka that the Mauriyan empire fell apart? Thomas Bocon: Could WWII have been prevented? It was a wonderful evening of celebration during which the audience was highly



Gold Award: Dilys Cornford & Alen Geevarghese

Silver Award: Kiara Sendhilkumaran, Aleezah Lopena & Carl Gonzales

Bronze Award: Aiden Dadswell & Thomas Bocon

impressed by each pupil's research and presentation skills. Congratulations to all the pupils who took part.

GCSE HISTORY: SURGERY TRIP

Year 9 and 10 historians visited the Old Operating Theatre and the Hunterian Museum in London, to give them an insight into surgery in the 18th, 19th and 20th Centuries, as they begin their study of Medicine at GCSE. Pupils sat in one of the oldest operating theatres in England and took an active role in discussing how surgery was once brutally carried out. Pupils were told about the problems of pain, infection and blood loss that was once responsible for the high number of fatalities during and post operations.





Katie Clifton and Primrose Munro acted out the role of patients and laid down on the operating table. The museum curator displayed the surgical tools that would have been used, as she explained how the operations would have been gruesomely carried out without anaesthetic. Pupils listened intently but painfully to every word spoken and left the Old Operating Theatre intrigued by the history of surgery.



Pupils also visited the home of surgical instruments, paintings, sculptures and anatomical specimens in the Hunterian Museum. They were mesmerised and surprised by the display of John Hunter's private collection and the skeleton of the "Irish Giant," Charles Byrne. Pupils were taught about the advancement of medicine and, most notably, the development of plastic surgery in World War I to aid their contextual knowledge of medicine for GCSE History.



Miss Neilan

Classics & Latin

Faber est suae quisque fortunae - Appius Claudius Caecus
"Every man is the artisan of his own fortune."

This year saw the end of our funding from the Classics for All charity. The main aim of the project was to provide all pupils at St Richard's with an opportunity to access Classical Civilisation and Latin. I am pleased to say that this has been successful and both of the clubs will continue to run next year. Further to this, pupils from Years 7 to 9 will continue to have opportunities within both their History and English lessons to learn about the Classical world. My sincere thanks again to all the members of staff who have made these cross-curricular opportunities possible, notably Mrs Campbell, Miss Wood and Dr Durkin. We hope to continue this theme next year with Mrs Dunster and the Drama department on a drama project surrounding Sophocles' tragedy, 'Antigone.'

LATIN TWILIGHT: Members have worked extremely hard this year and have challenged themselves to sit a WJEC level 2 certificate (GCSE equivalent) next summer. This is no mean feat and requires a lot of dedication. There is much work still to do, but I would like to congratulate all members on the significant progress they have made with their vocabulary work. A summer project will be set for them to support their learning in both the Roman context exam and the language exam. Please note that next year all club members will need to stay for the full hour in order to work towards their GCSE. As a result of the above, I am afraid that the club is currently closed to new members, but they can access the St Richard's memrise course, which can be found at:

<http://www.memrise.com/course/383980/st-richards-latin/>

GCSE CLASSICAL CIVILISATION: Our first GCSE group are making excellent progress, engaging well with the subject and currently on track to achieve good grades in June 2017. The class have already completed two of the four units of their study (Ancient Athens and The Odyssey) and we are part way through the controlled assessment unit on Antigone. Research for this will need to be completed over the summer holiday. The class have been a delight to teach and I would like to thank them for championing Classics at St Richards, with particular thanks to Alexandra Williams, Chloe Wheeler, Jayan Jackson and Dawid Opalka for their help with Year Nine options events. I am pleased to say that the group will be joined next year by a second GCSE class and I look forward to welcoming the new Year 10 group in September.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEXT YEAR:

Classics lunch time club - Every WEDNESDAY lunchtime, 1:00-1:30 in A11

Latin Twilight - Every THURSDAY evening 3:15-4:15 in A11

Miss Soan

Numeracy News

Bletchley Park

What a fantastic Block Day we had! 150 pupils took part in our 'Cryptography Through Time' day. Workshops from all our maths specialists were available from Roman Caesar Cipher to Morse Code. Pupils who dressed up looked fantastic. The highlight was a visit from Bletchley Park's outreach representative, Thomas Briggs. Thomas demonstrated an actual Enigma machine; the machine was used in World War II. More recently it appeared in the film, The Imitation Game.



Are you looking forward to the Rio Olympics? To get you in the mood, we have chosen some of our favourite maths activities about running fast, jumping high, throwing far and striving to be the best!

This is the finish of the 200 metres in 1924. Jackson Scholz from USA won that race in just over 21 seconds. I wonder if you could run the 100 metres in that time? Or you could see how far you could run in 22 seconds.



This is the triple jump, which is a hop, step and jump. In 1906 it was Peter O'Connor from Ireland who won a silver medal. He jumped about 15 metres. What's your best hop, step and jump?

Medals Count

Given the following clues, can you work out the number of gold, silver and bronze medals that

France, Italy and Japan got in this international sports competition?

1. Japan has 1 more gold medal, but 3 fewer silver medals than Italy.
2. France has the most bronze medals (18), but the fewest gold medals (7).
3. Each country has at least 6 medals of each type.
4. Italy has 27 medals in total.
5. Italy has 2 more bronze medals than gold medals.
6. The 3 countries have 38 bronze medals in total.
7. France has twice as many silver medals as Italy has gold medals.



Library News

I thought I'd start this newsletter by reminding you of all the great things we do and all the opportunities you have in the [Library...](#)

How can we help? Your School Library can help you in your studies with non-fiction and reference books. We also have lots of books to read for fun and we rent out DVDs. There are computers for you to use for homework and research. Our pupil librarians are here at break and lunch times to help you find what you need. **Open:** 8:30-4:30 Monday-Thursday and 8:30-3:30 Friday.

Who can use the Library? **YOU** can! Every person in the school can use the Library! All new pupils are issued with a Library Barcode Key Ring when they join the school (Hint—**Don't** Lose It—It's £1 for a new one!). Year 7 and 8 pupils have weekly library lessons where reading for pleasure and to improve vocabulary and understanding are encouraged. Year 10 and 11 classes often use the computers for homework and preparation for controlled assessments. Everybody is welcome!

What can I borrow? You may borrow up to 3 items at a time. You may keep books for 21 days, 1 DVD for 7 days. If you need to keep your items for longer, you can renew them. If you are late, the fine is 1p per item, per day. You **must** pay the fine when you return the items.

The Rules!

- **NO** eating or drinking in the Library!
- School bags may be hung up on the pegs during class sessions, but no bags or coats are allowed in the Library at Break or Lunch times (too many children = too many bags = people fall over!)
- The Library should be peaceful and calm because people use it for homework and quiet times: if you have extra energy go to the playground!
- RESPECT books and equipment—remember, they are here for everyone to use.



The Fun Stuff

The Library is the place to come if you love reading! We run several **Book Awards** each year. See your Librarian to get involved!



The Library is also the venue for **FILM CLUB** - ask for details at the desk and see the posters around school (places are limited!)

If you are going on a **school trip**, the Library is often the place to meet up.

.....**You can see - We are the Place to Be!**.....

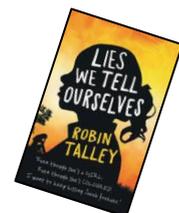
DVDs: The Library holds an excellent selection of DVDs, both book and curriculum based. We have some truly wonderful films, available to borrow for £1 for 7 days. If returned on time, 50p is returned to the pupil. Many hours of family viewing awaits!

MFL: We have a good selection of French, German and Spanish books, some with CDs included, some text books, some parallel texts, all designed to encourage pupils to engage and excel with languages.

Magazines: We have a lovely selection of glossy magazines, delivered monthly to the school, and we take the 'I' newspaper each day, ensuring that pupils have the latest information available across a range of subjects and interests.



Winners Of The Cilip Carnegie Book Award 2016 The 2016 Carnegie winner is 'One', by Sarah Crossan. Robin Talley, with 'Lies we tell ourselves' won the Amnesty prize. Both are a brilliant read, but for me, Robin Talley just edges it as the better read. See what you think!



Film Club News Film Clubbers will have the opportunity to see the first (and best!) Ghostbusters movie on the 18th and 19th July after school. I would like them to be able to compare and contrast with the new summer blockbuster, released 22nd July in the cinemas, and see how things have changed!





The Library also is the 'go-to' place for stationery purchases – see below for our excellent prices! We are not for profit, just providing a

service so for a few pennies, pupils may never be without stationery in school.

- Pens, Ballpoint - Blue/Black/Red/Green 15p
- Pens, Handwriting - blue/black 17p
- Highlighters 28p
- Pencils 10p
- Glue Sticks 25p
- Pencil Sharpeners 8p
- Erasers 15p
- Tracing Paper, per sheet 10p
- Rulers 15p / 9p
- Colour Pencils, set of 12 55p
- Scissors (right or left handed) 32p
- Purple Pens 25p
- Sticky tape, roll 20p
- Clear Pencil Cases 65p
- Protractors 8p
- Pair of compasses 26p
- Plastic Exercise Book Covers 27p / 35p
- Geometry Sets £2.00
- Note pads 30p
- Paperclips (10) 5p
- Baby Stapler 80p
- Staples, box of 5000 35p
- Poly pockets (10) 15p
- In-ear headphones £4.00

Book Quote of the Month: "No matter how busy you may think you are, you must find time for reading, or surrender yourself to self-chosen ignorance." Confucius

Have a great summer.

Miss Tocknell, Librarian

English Department News

Jerwood Gallery Trip

On Wednesday, 6th July, 11 outstanding pupils from Years 7 and 8 attended a rewards trip to the Jerwood Gallery, Hastings. They explored the gallery with the help of staff, met some local artists and made their own response to a self-portrait exhibition. The trip was supported by Mr Saunders and all pupils had a fantastic experience.

Literacy News

The summer holiday is a fantastic opportunity to take time out to read more. Take the time to visit your local library and try a new book, be it fiction or non-fiction. The English Department is running its annual Extreme Reading competition. To enter, you need to have a picture taken whilst reading in an unusual or interesting location such as reading at the top of the Eiffel Tower; reading in a rowing boat or whilst swimming in the sea. Hand your entries to Mrs Wood (A8) or Mrs Midghall (B15) in September. Prizes are available for the top three and all photos will be displayed.

If you need some suggestions for reading material, have a look at the websites below:

<http://www.booktrust.org.uk/books>

www.childrensbooks.about.com/od/forparents/tp/summer_reading.htm

www.goodreads.com/list/tag/teen

spellzone
The online English spelling resource

Don't forget to continue using www.spellzone.com to improve your spelling and vocabulary knowledge.

Ms Westwood, Literacy Coordinator

Parents, Teachers & Friends Association

PTFA NEWS..... PTFA NEWS.....

Chair: Natalie Gaymer & Fiona Connor **Vice-Chair:** Nicky Cave & Karen Marsh
Treasurer: Carina Hilton **Secretary:** Amanda Isaacs & Carole Clifton

On Saturday, 2nd July the annual Summer Fayre was held. It was a great success and the first figures we have, show that over £4,500 was raised on the day. Without the PTFA and staff members who always give up their time, we just would not be able to have such a wonderful event. Thank you to those who helped beforehand with organising and preparing stalls; those who provided assistance on the day; anyone who bought raffle tickets, donated prizes or unwanted gifts, baked cakes and finally, thank you, to everyone who came and made the event the success it was.



On the day the weather, particularly the wind, was against us so we had a split of inside and outside but everything flowed and the BBQ and Pimms stalls did their usual brisk trade. Wheelchair basketball, once again, proved popular. The inflatables, which included a bungee run, sumo and giant slide, filled the gym. In the link corridor we had our crafters selling their wares which added another aspect to what was available and proved very popular. The hall was the location for the rest of the stalls, refreshments, photo booth and where our performers took centre stage. One of the most popular stalls was the 'Guess the weight of the cake' and special thanks to one of our PTFA members, Sarah-Jane, for her fabulous seaside creation. It was beautiful, and competition to win it was fierce. This year, as well as the outstanding St Richard's dancers and musicians, we had Kerala Indian dancers, the Diana Freedman School of Dance and the fantastic Zumba with Marie Dove, which had many people on their feet trying to work off the cakes they had consumed.



The Grand Raffle had a top prize of £100, the summer, drinks and Prosecco hampers looked beautiful and the winners of them were very happy. We also had some wonderful donations of prizes which included family attraction tickets, restaurant vouchers and afternoon tea. Congratulations to those who won a prize in the raffle, guess the weight of the cake, lucky programme, welly wanging, Fair Trade raffle, guess the number of sweets and the £50 note. We are always incredibly grateful for each and every donation towards the Summer Fayre, whether it is for a stall or the Grand Raffle.



The PTFA will meet again in September on Monday, 26th at 7pm in the staff room. It is also our AGM. As is always mentioned, if you would like to feel as if you are contributing something to your children's school, come and join us. Any and all help is welcomed. The more parents and friends of the children who are on the PTFA, the more successful we can be in our fundraising efforts and therefore provide the children with those extra wish list items they request from us.

Thank you to the wonderful PTFA members for a great year of events. We wish everyone in the school community a relaxing summer holiday.

Kind Regards *the PTFA team*

Science News

Ethical Eden 2016 (31st May – 3rd June)

During the Whitsun holiday week St Richard's Lower School pupils returned to Cornwall for our annual Ethical Eden adventure break. While the South East coast was drenched in wet weather, we enjoyed some early summer sunshine with suntan lotion definitely required – it was glorious and absolutely perfect for abseiling, surfing, kayaking and wild woodland walking!

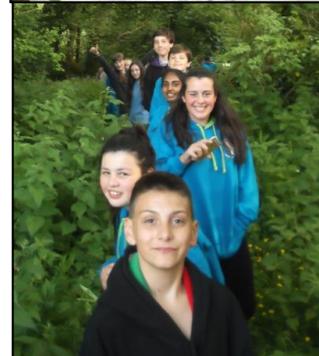


On arrival we were welcomed with a barbecue supper on the sundial and everyone enjoyed the chance to let off some steam after the long journey. Benji was particularly impressed with the meals throughout the stay, with other pupils concurring, reflected in comments such as, 'The food was amazing', 'Great food!' and Dilys's comment, 'The food was absolutely amazing – loved it so much!' A twilight stroll through the woods followed with tree climbing and rope swings definitely the order of the day.

Following early morning yoga for some followed by a hearty breakfast we headed off to the Eden Project – site of the world's largest biomes and spiritual home to good 3Rs education (based on the principles of reducing, reusing and recycling!) Although the domes were gearing up for a Duran Duran concert the following evening, we were still able to explore the site thoroughly and by starting at the other end of site than normal we discovered areas of the Project that we had not explored previously. Pupils found an 'occulus rift' video immersion apparatus which proved most entertaining for both those wearing the goggles and onlookers watching the wearers 'swim' in the ocean depths.

Pupils were intrigued by the themed areas elsewhere, considering the global demand for water, the role of digital imaging in development of novel medicines and a supermassive Heath-Robinson marble run just for fun!

We headed to Charlestown on the south Cornish coast on leaving the Eden Project, in search of the Shipwreck Museum and the South East's finest ice-cream shop. On our return to Woodland Valley, we had a guided tour around the farm with a particular focus on the stream which is part of a conservation project headed up by the University of Exeter with an aim to reintroduce beavers to the South West. The project is currently collecting data to predict the environmental impact of the beavers' return – real science in action.





We were all up bright and early for our activity day – even earlier for those doing yoga! Abseiling, surfing and kayaking were on offer in Bude, followed by woodland survival skills back at the farm. The abseilers abseiled down an 80 foot cliff, the surfers caught some waves rolling in from the Atlantic and the kayakers played games on the canal. Each activity group had a fantastic time with the new kayaking choice being particularly popular. Kyle Edwards, *'really enjoyed the kayaking – a lot!'* with Abbie Fairhurst agreeing, adding, *'I think we should all do kayaking as a main activity, it was really good fun!'*. Oliver Glynn, *'Loved the farm'* and thought, *'surfing was the best!'* Dillon Miles was also pleased adding a wish that *'we all went to a cornish pasty shop after surfing!'* The chips and hot chocolate were welcomed by all though.

Ben Masters and George Mann both rated the surfing as a highlight while David Aitken's favourite part was, *'Jumping off a cliff.'* The evening woodland survival skills tasks were universally popular, as we were given three different ways to start a fire and found out how to make a secure rope hold on an overhanging branch so there was more tree climbing.

One of Juliata's favourite parts of the trip was, *'getting to know people we didn't know before'* and many pupils made new friends. Everyone wished we could stay longer!

We return to Cornwall for Ethical Eden on Tuesday, 30th May until Friday, 2nd June 2017.



Science Ambassador Outreach: St Thomas a Becket

Year 8 Science Ambassadors visited St Thomas a Becket Junior School in Eastbourne to help celebrate their science week activities. With a Principia mission focus, Year 5 pupils investigated the factors that contribute to crater shape and size from impactors in space. They also tested the strength of UV radiation in the sky – another potential hazard on a space mission – using UV sensitive colour changing UV beads. They found plenty of UV rays despite the cloudy skies! Their last task was to design and test a safe landing device for an egg doubling up for an astronaut.



Talk Tim Show, Primary Science Space Science

Primary school pupils from All Saints, Pebsham, Sacred Heart, St Peter & St Paul and St Thomas a Becket joined 3 classes of Year 7 St Richard's pupils for a Talk Tim Show in the St Richard's hall. With science and engineering concepts discussed during a 'live' talk to Tim Peake after his return from the International Space Station, the explanations were elicited from both pupils and staff. We did manage a quick sneaky selfie with twin Tims!

Living Dangerously with Sir Ranulph Fiennes, Royal Institution

A small group of pupils travelled to the Royal Institution in London's West End to hear an inspirational talk from the world's greatest living explorer, Sir Ranulph Fiennes. Sir Ranulph proved to be a most entertaining raconteur as he talked us through his career and gave us a

flavour of his adventurous life. He described the circumstances of the loss of fingertips on his left hand to frostbite as a, *'three minute mistake'*.

Ben Stotesbury-Byrne reports the following, *'I really enjoyed the trip and thought that Ranulph was an extremely interesting man with an amazing story to tell. He mixed the terrors he faced on his adventures with humour, which made the talk extremely fun as well as fascinating. It was a great trip and I would love to go on more like it.'*



Louis Lipsham also commented, 'I really enjoyed going as it was an experience like no other. It was a small crowd of people, about 100, making the experience a very personal trip. I found the pictures disgusting as he showed his hand after he got frostbite, but when he talked, he was a very witty and humorous man. I really enjoyed it.'

STEMFest 2016



Lower school pupils travelled to Heathfield for the ever popular Big Bang South East: STEMFest 2016. In this year's competition we featured the StAR Club and our Exoplanets Project work from Year 8. StRATOS was also represented again, as an exemplar and this year was updated to feature a video stream of the captured photos playing on loop. Former pupil and chief engineer of the StRATOS project, Hannah Jones, approved of the upgrade as she joined us having completed her judging duties. The StAR Club were awarded the Institute of Physics prize for Physics for their work, receiving certificates and a small cash prize. An excellent result!

Keen scientist, Joseph Moy, posted the following report, "I really enjoyed the Big Bang STEMFest trip this year. One of the main reasons I enjoyed it was because there was always something to do. There was also a lot of new things to do

that weren't at STEMFest last year. One thing I particularly enjoyed was all the interactive activities because it was interesting to see lots of new technology and to see how it works. I would highly recommend this trip to anyone who is thinking about going on this trip next year. It is a great day out for anyone who enjoys a mix of STEM. There really is something for everyone!"



Year 7 Block Day: CREST Discovery Day



7I and 7O were invited to join the science department for an enrichment day being run as a pilot by the British Science Association and sponsored by Urenco. Pupils were asked to reflect on the advances made to the classroom over the last twenty years and then split up into groups with a remit to design an item useful in the future classroom.

Workshops on nanotechnology, ergonomics, energy, magnetism and coding were designed to focus pupils' designs towards a STEM based technology. Teams were very creative with their designs with many pupils leaning towards apps, homework assist web-sites and solar-powered interactive work tables with inbuilt waterproof (!) tablet computers. Presentations were judged on ingenuity, production possibility and the group work evident in the presentations themselves. The best presentations in each group won a full goody bag for each member of the team, with all participants receiving a smaller reward. Additionally, all participants will receive a CREST Discovery award.



At the end of the year I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the science technicians for their continued support in enhancing the pupils' extra-curricular experience – ladies, a big thank you!

Trip Volunteers Required

Dr Durkin is looking for parents/carers who would be interested in volunteering to participate in science trips alongside staff and pupils. If you are interested please email her at: drdurkinj@strichardsc.com

Geography News

WorldWide Week

The last week of June is WorldWide week where we encourage pupils to consider how we are all surrounded by geographically based connections. Pupils have completed form time and lunchtime competitions as well as supported a sale of Pokot tribal crafts to enable them to build a classroom for their children. The sale raised £92.20 towards their £1000 target for the classroom. Lessons are held outside come rain or shine and our pupils really engaged with the desire to help other children.



Isle of Wight Trip

As we write, we are about to head to the Isle of Wight on our annual Geography residential fieldtrip. Thirty Year 9 and 10 pupils are going to learn about the fantastic coastal landforms and management as well as the tourism that occurs here. We are staying at the Little Canada PGL centre and pupils will get the chance to take part in a variety of activities in the evening as well as tackle the Giant Swing amongst other fun-filled events. Fingers crossed for great weather!



Key Stage 4

Year 11 sat their last exam in June and we wish them well in the future and hope that all their revision is rewarded with pleasing results.

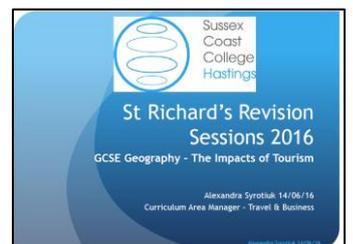
On 9th June, Year 10 boarded the double decker bus and headed out for a day's hard work collecting information about the coastline and its protection at both Birling Gap and Eastbourne. The pupils found out lots about the chalk landforms and the erosion that occurs here. For example, they found out that Birling Gap loses about 70cm of land a year, but 2 years ago the area lost 7 metres



in one winter! The pupils were able to hear from two experts about the coastline from the National Trust and the Environment Agency. They returned to school with their minds buzzing with information and now need to write it up for their controlled assessment.



In order to help Year 10 prepare for their summer exams, they were given an engaging and interactive revision session by a tutor from Sussex Coast College. The focus was on tourism by the lead for Travel and Tourism at the College. The pupils learnt a lot from the session as well as some of the opportunities and courses available at Sussex Coast College.



Key Stage 3

Year 9 have begun their GCSE Geography course and have been learning all about ecosystems. They have been focussing their understanding on tropical rainforests and the challenge of trying to manage them sustainably. They have realised that this is no easy task.



Year 8 have enjoyed trips to Galley Hill where they are investigating how the Bexhill coastline is managed. They have been using fieldwork equipment to measure the beach and understand the processes that are occurring. The pupils really enjoyed putting all their learning from lessons into practice in the real world.



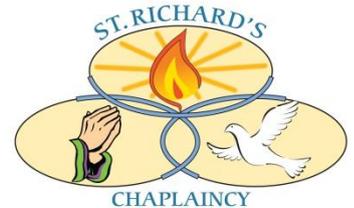
Year 7 have been learning about Kenya and have enjoyed the experience of handling real artefacts from the Maasai Mara tribes. They have learned about their lives and compared it to their own and are beginning to understand the similarities and differences of their country to ours.



Mrs Hoyle, Subject Leader

Chaplaincy News

Many congratulations to all the pupils who were confirmed by Bishop Richard over the past few months. May the Holy Spirit bless all the confirmandi and keep them safe as they move on to the next stage of their journey.



St Richard's Day Masses: This special feast day was marked in college on Thursday, 16th June with Fr Seamus and Fr David celebrating the Masses. Many thanks to the readers, servers, the choir and musicians, all of whom made a wonderful contribution to the richness of the liturgy. Our hymn of St Richard was sung with gusto by all, a fitting way to honour our patron saint. My thanks to the performing arts team for their assistance in preparing this celebration.

SS Peter and Paul – Holy Day of Obligation: This year the Holy Day of Obligation occurred on a school day so we were able to celebrate Masses in school. Fr David celebrated both masses and we were delighted our incoming Year 6 pupils were able to join us. This gave them a taster of what liturgy is like in St Richard's and the current Year Sevens really showed them how to sing hymns with great enthusiasm. My thanks to Mr Roadknight and Mrs Knight for the music and dance.

End of Year Mass – 21st July: This year, our End of Year Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, 21nd July. We will put a focus on Mercy in our Mass this year to honour the Year of Mercy in our Diocese. The choir, orchestra and Dance Company will, as they have so many times this year, enrich the liturgy with music and movement, and we hope for fine weather so that the whole school can celebrate Mass together outside.

Form Masses and Services: Congratulations to all pupils, staff and clergy who have worked hard this term to prepare for their form masses and services. They have been both thoughtful and prayerful. Year 7 and 8 were delighted to welcome Deacon Eugene for his first year services in the school and both year groups had very thought provoking services on the theme of courage and trust. My thanks once again to the clergy for their continued support and, in particular, to our deacons who have helped out so generously with their time.

Friday Morning Mass for staff and pupils: Each Friday this year, at 8.10am, Mass has been celebrated in A3. Many thanks to both pupils and staff who have attended throughout the year; our Friday morning Mass community has shared in simple and prayerful worship of God. A special thank you to those who have read, served and ministered on these occasions, in particular to the Year 11 Liturgy reps, Joyal and Andrew, who left us this term. They have served the school and, in particular, Friday morning Mass with commitment and enthusiasm and we thank them for this.

Block Day, Year 8 Retreat – Thursday, 7th July: For their retreat, Year 8 pupils travelled to the beautiful venue of Ashburnham Place near Battle, focusing on the

theme, 'Rich world, poor world.' The morning was spent learning about the inequality between rich and poor through playing the 'World Feast Game', which brought home in stark terms, the injustices that exist in trade and the distribution of the world's resources between the rich and poor



countries.

The afternoon brought the retreat to a close with the celebration of Mass. Well done Year 8 for your participation and a big thank you to the Tutors, RE department for their help in leading the game, and Mr Roadknight and Mrs Byrne for the music. Thank you to Father Rajesh and Deacon Ian Moon who joined us for the day.

Good Shepherd Service – 18th June: A number of Liturgy Reps attended the Good Shepherd service with Bishop Richard, which this year was celebrated in Arundel Cathedral the mother Church of our Diocese in honour of the year of mercy. Hannah Chan, Jessica Davies and Alona Bondareva collected our gift from Bishop Richard - a book on St Philip Howard and a commemorative photo of the door of Mercy.

Representatives from many other Catholic schools in the Diocese were also present which made for a lively and enjoyable time. The service ended with a procession through the Cathedral's Holy Door with all the other Catholic primary and secondary

schools and our banners - a wonderfully colourful procession. As this was the first time visiting the Cathedral for everyone in the group we returned for a quick look around the Cathedral and visited the shrine of St Philip Howard. Thanks to the generosity of the Duke of Norfolk we were allowed to explore the beautiful gardens of Arundel Castle and have lunch there. My thanks to Mr Saunders for accompanying us and driving the minibus.

Fairtrade: Again this year the Fairtrade stall was opened for the Summer Fayre. This year we ran a raffle for 2 prizes, a large and small hamper of Fairtrade goodies. 1st prize was won by a parent of a Year 6 pupil and the second by a member of our PTFA. Thank you to all who contributed. Alongside this, Mrs Herring assisted me with a game entitled find the Fairtrade goodies. This proved popular with lots of Fairtrade chocolate as prizes. My thanks to Mrs Herring and members of Interact Club who assisted with the stall.

Liturgy Reps: The last Liturgy Reps meeting of the year will take place on Tuesday, 12th July at 12:45, where there will be a small 'thank you' party for this year's reps who have been really brilliant. We also announced this week our new Liturgy Captain and Deputy Captain. Congratulations to Harry Hawkins (10H) and Solji Samuel (10O). They will be commissioned in their role at the end of year Mass and I look forward to working with them. Well done everyone, and thank you!

As we approach the end of term, may I take this opportunity to thank all those who have supported the chaplaincy this year. It's been a busy year with numerous liturgies, a Rome pilgrimage, Lourdes trip and many other events. These run ever more smoothly thanks to the sterling efforts of Mrs Byrne and Mr Roadknight in Music, Mrs Knight in Dance, and Mrs Dunster in Drama. My thanks also to the clergy of our parishes for their continued efforts in supporting the school, despite their busy schedules.

Have a wonderful summer break and I look forward to another year in St Richard's come September.

Jo Doyle

Miss Jo Doyle - Lay Chaplain (missdoylej@strichardsc.com)

RE DEPARTMENT NEWS

During RE lessons pupils have been learning about different faiths.



Year 7 have learnt about the Sikh religion. They have learnt about the Guru Granth Sahib (the Sikh holy book), the Gurdwara (Sikh place of worship) and Guru Nanak (founder of Sikhism). Pupils have also been working on an area of Sikhism and have taught lessons to the rest of the class.



Year 8 have learnt about the Hindu religion. They have learnt about some of the Hindu gods and goddesses and worship in the temple and at home. Pupils have also been working on an area of Hinduism and have taught lessons to the rest of the class. They have also had a lesson linked to their science forensic project. In this lesson they discussed the issues surrounding punishment and how the culprit, to the forensic murder enquiry, should be dealt with.



Year 9 have learnt about the Islamic religion. They have learnt about Muhammad (founder of Islam), the Qur'an (Holy Book of Islam) and how Muslims worship in a mosque (Islamic place of worship). Some pupils had an experiential lesson where the boys and girls were taught in different places in the classroom. They had to take their shoes off and had to have their heads covered. Pupils really enjoyed this element of their learning. Pupils have also been working on an area of Islam and have taught lessons to the rest of the class. In addition, they have had a visit from Mo Khan (former parent), who came in to talk about his Muslim faith.



Pupils in Year 7, 8 and 9 have created some excellent, imaginative and creative lessons. Some have included making their own videos, creating activities for the class to complete e.g. quizzes and discussions and even baking cakes to get the knowledge and understanding across to pupils. They have all worked incredibly hard on these lessons and they should be proud of themselves.

During the Year 10 "Belief in God" topic, they have been learning about the issues surrounding science and religion. They have had interactive lessons from a range of teachers: Mr Byrne (in a science capacity), Mr Tadros, Miss Soan and Miss Jo Wood. These lessons covered the way science and religion is viewed, scientific enquiry and the history of the relationship between science and religion. Pupils have found these lessons very interesting and have created some deep, intellectual discussions in class.



Mrs Mead, Acting Subject Leader – RE

CONGRATULATIONS ON RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION ON SUNDAY, 10TH JULY

CHRIST THE KING, EASTBOURNE

Daniel Durbidge

Luke Kincade

Alexander Silvermann

Katherine Durbidge

Joe Sambrook

Elana Smith

ST JOACHIM, HAMPDEN PARK

Porsha Bratley

Liana Espiritu

Lucinda Price-Farmer

ST WILFRIDS

Christian Layberry



ST RICHARD'S EQUESTRIAN TEAM

The St Richard's Equestrian Team have been busy this term representing the school. The team came 3rd in the 80cm Show Jumping class at Felbridge in West Sussex on 28th May.

On 19th June, two teams went to Felbridge again to compete in two showjumping classes for the qualifier for the Schools National Championships. The team in the 85cm class came 5th out of 25 teams and have qualified for Championships in Bedfordshire in December. The team consisted of: Angus Morgan, Duncan Morgan, Megan Bassett and Emma Folwell. Well done, team!

Sadly, the dressage qualifier for the National Championships has been cancelled twice due to the weather but will hopefully run at the beginning of September. The dressage team consists of: Alexandra Williams, Emma Folwell and Duncan Morgan.

We will be sad to lose Saffron Townshend and Rachel Olivier from the team as they leave the school. Good luck to them both. They will be missed!



The Equestrian team is run by the parents of the riders and Team Manager is Charlotte Williams, also a parent. If you would like information on the Riding Team, please contact Charlotte at cia@btinternet.com or speak to any of the team members: Angus Morgan, Alexandra Williams, Megan Bassett, Duncan Morgan, Amber Townshend and Emma Folwell. We are always looking for new riders!

PE Department News

DANCE

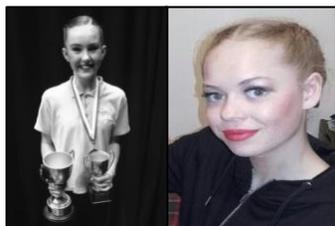
As we end the year, it continues to be an extremely busy time for the Dance Company.

Summer Production: The Performing Arts team are nearing the end of rehearsals for the summer production of 'Thoroughly Modern Millie.' Performances will be held on 13th, 14th and 15th July. By the time the newsletter goes out we will be into the performances. This has been a collaboration between music, dance and drama and an excellent opportunity for the pupils to work on a full musical. Everyone has worked extremely hard on what is looking to be a fantastic show. Well done to all.



Summer Fayre: The Dance Company were delighted to open the Summer Fayre this year. They presented a medley of dance from the last year, including two of their competition pieces and an extract from 'Thoroughly Modern Millie.' Thank you to all those pupils who danced.

Liturgy: The Dance Company took part in the St Richard's Day Mass and St Peter and St Paul Mass this term presenting two new liturgical dances to the psalms 'Cry of the Poor' and 'Sing a new Song.' Well done to all those who took part and thank you for your hard work. They are currently busy working on new dances for the end of year Mass.



Congratulations: Talia Knight-Farman, 7F, performed at Ore Stage Festival and achieved 11 individual medals including 5 gold. She was also awarded the choreography cup by the adjudicator for her own choreography. Congratulations, Talia. Emily Surrudge, 10L, has successively auditioned for a role in Peter Pan the pantomime heading to the White Rock Theatre in



December. Emily will begin rehearsals later in the year. Congratulation also to Millie White, 7R, who won the Junior Aggregate Cup and the Junior Lyrical Cup, as well as 4 firsts in her solos at Ore Festival.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank all pupils who have participated in both Dance Companies this year. *Mrs Knight, Dance Teacher*

TOWN SPORTS

Well done to the 60 pupils who represented St Richard's at the Hastings Area Athletics Championships. The college had numerous individual medals winners and excellent team results which helped us finish 2nd overall. Out of ten teams, the girls' teams finished a superb 1st place. The results were:

Boys: Year 7 - 4th, Year 8 - 2nd, Year 9 - 2nd and Year 10 - 4th.

Girls: Year 7 - 3rd, Year 8 - 2nd, Year 9 - 1st and Year 10 - 1st.



ROUNDERS (AREA TOURNAMENTS)

The Area Rounders tournaments were hosted by St Richard's again this year and all were well attended. The results were:

Year 7 - 5th

Year 8 - runners up

Year 10 - winners

The Year 9 and 11 tournaments were, unfortunately, cancelled due to bad weather.



STOOLBALL

Our Year 8 and 9 girls have attended a 6 week stoolball course and competed in their first match with great success beating St Leonard's Academy 139-131 runs. The team were: Hallie Spillane, Jade Coleman, Hollie Young, Lexie Coleman, Lottie Long, Pamela Busuego, Phoebe King, Poppy Derhun, Trinity Funnell, Ma Shaina Mallorca, Millie Payne, Georgina Coulter and Mikaela Rodriguez.



Year 7 were the winners of both the Area Cricket Winners and Sussex Schools Games.



Special Educational Needs

Prep Club Plus: A reminder that pupils with Special Educational Needs can come to Prep Club Plus on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3:15pm to 4:15pm. Teaching Assistants are available to help with homework.

Lunchtime Club: Pupils can come along to the SEN Lunchtime Club, which runs every day, for a chance to eat, play games and socialise together.

Years 7, 8 and 9 - Learning Intervention Room

Years 10 and 11 - Lab 7

Transfer Review Meeting: We will be inviting parents/carers of Year 10 pupils with statements of SEN into the college in the autumn term to discuss the Transfer Reviews. Further details will follow in September. In accordance with the SEN Code of Practice, the Transfer Review replaces the Year 11 Statement Annual Review and takes a more person-centred approach.

Mrs Tadros, SENCO & Mrs Britt, SEN Administrator

Newsletter Acknowledgement

Don't forget to sign the newsletter acknowledgement no. 7 located in your son/daughter's journal.

Please note that all pupils should be on the school premises by 8.40am each day so that they are ready for a prompt start to registration or assembly.

UNIFORM

In preparation for the new academic year, we would like to remind all parents to ensure that our requirements regarding uniform are met. We would particularly like to draw your attention to the following rules which are listed in the School Handbook and journal:

- Boys are only allowed to wear formal black or charcoal grey school trousers. Skinny trousers or material resembling a black denim or chino are not acceptable.
- Coats should be worn without badges or logos. There should be no denim, suede or leather jackets or hooded sweatshirts/tracksuit tops.
- Skirts must be of regulation colour and knee length.
- All pupils must wear black shoes (no boots, backless shoes or canvas shoes).
- Hairstyles must be of a conventional nature. Girls' hair should be tied back. Boys must have short hairstyles above their collars. Tram-lines, wedges, shaved hair and longer fringes are not allowed. Styling products are not permitted. Highlighting and colouring of hair for both sexes is not permitted and neither are extensions.
- **Jumpers with holes in need to be replaced. All sizes are currently available from Mrs O'Brien.**

As you know, we believe that uniform is a sign of order and discipline so we ask you to support us in maintaining the highest of standards. If in doubt, please do not hesitate to check with your son/daughter's Pastoral Leader before the end of term. We expect all pupils to return in September smartly and suitably dressed to focus on their studies and thank you for your co-operation in this.

Online Payment System

From September 2016, the school will be able to accept payment for school expenses online using a debit or credit card. Parents/carers will be able to pay for uniform, school equipment and some trips via a link on the school website with payments being processed securely through Worldpay. Parents/carers will be provided with an online link code to create a payment account and sibling accounts may be linked to view account details and make payments using one account. Multiple online payments accounts can be linked to the same pupil (for example, in the case of separated parents). More details to follow in Newsletter 1 in September.

St Richard's Catholic College Calendar - Academic Year 2015/2016 (as at July 2016)
Please keep this sheet in a safe place and replace when updates are provided.

Term 6

Sports Assemblies	Monday, 18th July
Whole School Mass	Thursday, 21st July (am)
Last Day of Term Six for pupils	Thursday, 21st July
Last Day of Term Six for staff	Friday, 22nd July

Last day of Term

Classes will finish at	12.30pm
Lunch will be served from	12.30pm - 1.00pm
Registration	1.00pm - 1.10pm
Dismissal	1.10pm

School closes for pupils at **1.10pm on Thursday, 21st July**. We are still waiting for Stagecoach to confirm whether or not the school buses (357 and 359) will run as normal. However, pupils from all areas can avail themselves of the following services:

EASTBOURNE TRAIN	1.35 and 2.09pm
HASTINGS TRAIN	1.34 and 2.03pm
HASTINGS BUSES	1.25pm
HAILSHAM BUS	1.05pm (for pupils travelling beyond Sidley – i.e. to Ninfield, Hailsham) 1.45pm (for pupils travelling to Sidley)

Please note that these buses will depart from Bexhill, not the bus stop in Dorset Road.

If your son/daughter is unable to avail him/herself of these services and you are unable to collect him/her, he/she will be supervised in college until the usual finishing time.

Academic Year 2016/2017 (as at July 2016)

Start of term for Staff	Monday, 5th September
Start of term for Years 7 and 11	Wednesday, 7th September
Start of term for Years 8, 9 and 10	Thursday, 8th September

COLLEGE POLICY ON HOLIDAYS and time off for extra-curricular activities

Parents, please understand the college's policy on taking time off outside of school holidays: permission for pupils to go on holiday or to participate in extra-curricular activities during term time will only be given in extreme cases, and not as a matter of course. Parents must write to me well in advance and fill in the Withdrawal from Learning Application form issued by East Sussex. If the request is not authorised then a Penalty Notice will be issued. The penalty is £60 per parent, i.e. unless it's a single parent family a fine of £120 will be issued, if you pay within 28 days. This goes up to £120 per parent after 28 days. You must pay within 42 days to avoid prosecution.

Miss Cronin, Principal

Free school meals – are you entitled?

At St Richard's, we are committed to working with pupils and their families to ensure that they receive support both within and beyond the classroom. One way we can help is to ensure that families eligible for free school meals receive them. St Richard's receives funding from the government for pupils who are eligible for free school meals and this money is used to provide extra support, for example by supplying eligible pupils with free study guides.

To check if you are entitled please read the information on our website.

Alternatively, your child can pick up an application form from the Reception office for you to complete and return to County or to Mrs Hollands in Reception. The school can then use the Checking Service to confirm entitlement but you may need to show up-to-date proof that you meet the qualifying criteria. If approved, the entitlement will be credited daily to the cashless catering system.

Newsletter

Our newsletter is distributed in the penultimate week of each term. The youngest member of the family in the college has responsibility for passing the newsletter on to parents/carers. **However, all pupils in a family need to have a signature from a parent/carer to indicate that the newsletter has been received.** The acknowledgement is in the journal. It is important that this is signed within a week of publication, particularly when we have a planned half-day closure. **If you are willing to receive the newsletter via email please inform Mrs Klein at mrskleink@strichardsc.com and she will add you to the email group. It would help the college greatly if more parents/carers chose to receive the newsletter via email or were willing to access it via the website. The money saved could buy further resources for the pupils.**