



Science

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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 2016-17 draws to a close, I am pleased to inform you that this has been another successful year in the life of the college. Staff have continued to encourage, motivate and challenge pupils to give of their best and step out of their comfort zone in all areas of school life.

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 a positive 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 Summer Fayre and their support of all evening 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 have been numerous with a number of highlights: the joint Drama/Dance and Music Production of 'Our House' has been outstanding; sports day was a really happy occasion with all pupils (spectators and participants) living out the Olympian and Paralympian values; the PTFA Summer Fayre was well-supported; Block Day and the range of activities available to the pupils with special congratulations to Year 7 who all achieved the John Muir Award on this day; our New Intake Days, meeting our prospective Year 7; Confirmation services in Bexhill, St Leonards and Eastbourne; Town Sports; The Crest Award Ceremony; trips which have included the Coral Coast, the Isle of Wight and Oxford, and finally the wonderful Art Exhibition which showcased the work of our talented GCSE pupils. Other events are detailed in this newsletter.

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 and their final profile. Hopefully, you are proud of your son/daughter's achievements this year 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 a heartfelt thank you to those staff moving on or retiring. Mrs McGarvey (a kind, efficient TA) will commence her teacher training in September; Mr Lane (ICT Network Manager) is leaving to begin his own business. We are grateful to him for all he has done with his team to transform the ICT infrastructure. Mr Hook (Assistant Caretaker) has taken up another position in County. Mrs Standen (English) is moving to Qatar with her family. She has been an outstanding teacher and someone who has shared her passion with the pupils through organising theatre trips and leading our Public Speaking teams, who have performed eloquently and professionally under her leadership. Mrs Nicholls who, having taught in the Product Design department for eight years, is now planning to pursue a different career. An enthusiastic and dedicated teacher, she has supported pupils to create imaginative projects in Resistant Materials and she has also been one of our leaders on the DofE. Mrs Earl (TA) who has worked at the school for over 12 years has been a great support in the science department and has always had a kind, calm, encouraging approach supporting SEN pupils to achieve positive outcomes. Mr Byrne (Vice-Principal) who has been an outstanding leader and teacher for 13 years and has now been successfully promoted to his first headship at Chatsmore in Worthing. Mr Byrne has had a significant impact in all that has gone on in the school, never wavering in his ambition, care and determination to bring out the best in pupils and staff members. He will be greatly missed.

Mr Roadknight (Subject Leader of Music) is retiring after seventeen years at the school. As well as thanking Sir for his leadership of the department, he is to be thanked for his enthusiastic involvement in extra-curricular events, in particular, leading the orchestra whether it be in a school mass, the Eastbourne Prom or the school play. Mrs Williams (Textiles) is retiring after nearly thirty-three years at the school. Always a perfectionist, Mrs Williams has encouraged pupils to achieve high standards and enjoy their work. Generations of pupils are grateful to her for her thoughtful approach and the skills she has taught them with many a fashion designer (former pupils) grateful to her for her excellent teaching and help in pursuing their dream.



We wish Mrs Williams and Mr Roadknight a long, happy and healthy retirement, hoping that they will both stay in touch with a community that values all they have done for them. Finally, can I also take this opportunity to say farewell and thank you to our Chair of Governors, Mr Keith Osborne, who is retiring after sixteen years on the Governing Body, eight as Chair. He has been a great support to myself as well as the rest of the staff and a true Ambassador of the college.

On the subject of staff, can I take this opportunity to congratulate Mr and Mrs Byrne on the birth of Poppy-Faith. Mother and daughter are thriving. Can I ask you to keep Mrs Midghall in your prayers as she awaits major surgery this summer and will not be back with us until the end of Term 1.

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 1.15pm. Details of all transport arrangements are on the back of the newsletter. Staff will continue the day with INSET. Please note the staggered start to the academic year 2017-2018: Year 7 and 11 start on Wednesday, 6th September and Years 8, 9 and 10 start on Thursday, 7th September.

Finally, can I wish you and your families a wonderful summer holiday and thank you for all your support this year.

Yours sincerely



Principal

YEAR SEVEN NEWS

As we come to the final weeks of life in Year Seven I am amazed at how far and how much we have achieved together. The year group have a positive identity and have fully participated in making St Richard's a fantastic school. I spoke to the Year Six pupils and parents only a couple of weeks ago and explained the legacy they have been left with.

The planning for next year is already underway and Miss Easton will be the Pastoral Leader for Year Eight. I have spoken to her about inheriting a wonderful year group, as well as identifying specific pupils and the support they will need.

Highlights for me this year centre upon activities beyond the classroom. The Reindeer Run, ladybird cake sale, Christmas fancy dress disco and soak a teacher all showed that raising money for good causes can be great fun! The commitment to extra-curricular clubs has been outstanding. Sports teams have relished the challenges of competing against other schools. There are so many great teams, but it is the boys' rugby team that stands out for me. On a wet and cold afternoon they played teams from our local area and were undefeated. They showed real character and played the game in the spirit in which it should be played!

Parental Feedback from Parents' Consultation 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 didn't speak to me on the evening please contact me as soon as possible so we can get your child back on track. The feedback from the evening is detailed below.

99% of parents thought that their child was doing well (34%) or very well (65%), only one parent felt their child was not doing 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%	5%	44%	37%	13%

Parents were asked if they felt their child was safe at St Richard's. All responses were positive except one. I would urge that parent to contact me so we can discuss how best to support your child. Parents had the opportunity to discuss concerns regarding transport, school meals and behaviour. Issues surrounding transport centred around train strikes and the unreliability of the trains. Thankfully, of late, this service has improved. School meals have always been an issue with some of our Year Seven pupils, however I can confirm that there are always choices available even if your child is last for lunch.

Finally, may I take this opportunity once more to express my gratitude for the support you have given to your child this year. I look forward to celebrating with them all at the end of Year 7 BBQ.

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

YEAR EIGHT NEWS

The year appears to have accelerated exponentially and suddenly I find myself typing the final newsletter to you as parents and 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 have 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 summer production.

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. Most recently 8F and 8L, with Mr Beaumont and Mrs Dunster respectively, conducted candy sales in term 6. In addition, 8U and Mr Fegan collected £96 from a cake sale. Miss Lucas and 8S will be raising money in the last couple of weeks for St Wilfrid's Hospice in Eastbourne in memory of Mrs Malone. On Saturday, 8th July, 8U and Mrs Scott conducted their Swimathon at Battle Abbey Pool to great success.

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.

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 previously postponed Year 8 Mass with Father Stephen at the end of May and, more recently, a lovely Mass led by Father Rajesh. On 13th June, 8S and Deacon Ian conducted a form service on the theme of Friendship with the support of Miss Lucas and Mrs Byrne. I was delighted to hear fantastic accounts of a beautiful service, which resulted in a very happy and proud Miss Lucas. 8U and Mr Fegan performed an assembly on the 'Perception of Peace' on Wednesday, 21st June. On Friday, 7th July, I had the pleasure of witnessing 8R performing, what I can only describe as, an exceptional assembly on the theme of 'Inspiration'. The creativity and talent on show was inspiring in itself. They have certainly set the bar high for next year. An emotional Mrs Scott was thanked by her form for all her support and guidance.



Block Day: The entire year group took part in a Maths focused Block Day on Tuesday, 4th July. I was pleased to see a great work ethic and the pupils certainly immersed themselves in the activities. Pupils battled through competitive problem solving, tackled an online 'Outbreak' challenge to save the population and even became human clinometers estimating the height of a tree. Many certificates and prizes were awarded for effort

and a great day was had by all.

Celebration: On Monday, 17th July, we will be hosting a Year 8 BBQ and sports afternoon, from 3:30pm to 4:45pm. Pupils will be invited to change into their own clothes and pay £3 to enjoy some BBQ food, have a drink and play sports with



friends. £1 of the £3 cost will go towards The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity in memory of Sophie Taylor. I hope the year group get behind the event and turn up in high numbers.

Finally: It has been a busy year working with your children, which has resulted in me experiencing a wide array of emotions at times! I feel as a group they are moving in the right direction and I look forward to supporting and directing them through Year 9 as they continue their journey at St Richard's.

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

YEAR NINE NEWS

As we come to the final few weeks of term it has once again been very busy with a multitude of social, charity and extra-curricular events on offer to the pupils.

Rewards and Prizes: Throughout Year 9, pupils have collected 'Prize Points', attendance points and behaviour points. The form with the highest score from Term 5 and winners of the Y9 Achievement Cup were 9U; congratulations to Mrs Carradine and her form group for their efforts. Special mention should also go to Mrs Robertson's Form 9L for their impressive credit haul, Mrs Wood and 9R for their behaviour once again, and Mrs Carradine and 9U for their superb attendance in Term 5. 9U are leading the overall standings by 2 points from 9O.

Each term individuals are selected for their exceptional attitude, effort and work ethic. Winners of the Term 5 Star pupil award are: Shane O'Callaghan, Isabella Gibbons, Deshan Sureshan, Bradley Hare, Bailey Vice, Leah Stevens, Samuel Zambetakis, Billy Main, Xavier Ralph, Amber Pisani-Cleland, Andrea De Freitas Rodriguez, Marcus Bastin, Maciej Marczak, Lottie Long, Evangelos Manaroulas and Nathan Jones. Well done and keep up the hard work!

Each term, three individuals are rewarded at random for not appearing on the misbehavior log (Sims) in the 'fruit machine raffle' choosing one of three prizes- a £10 Amazon voucher, Early lunch pass or a large box of chocolates. The winners were Joey Morris 9F, Nuala Eley 9I and Nathan Jones 9L. Well done to the 122 pupils who managed to stay off Sims in Term 5. Keep up the hard work and focus in class.

The Crest Award continues into Year 10 and alongside Prefect points will be a prerequisite for Prefect status. Please ensure that your child is collecting Crest 'Letters' and prefect points. Well done to the Year 9 pupils who received their Bronze awards at the recent prize evening.

PSHEe: Year 9 have been focussing on some crucial topics in PSHEe this term looking at child sexual exploitation, drugs and alcohol and the effects they can have physically and emotionally.

Assemblies: Year 9 have been lucky enough to have had a very informative assembly performed by their peers in Term 6. 9L's assembly on the theme of social media included Allysha Nhanda's (9L) thought-provoking drama on the power of using social media to do harm rather than good.

Spiritual Life: 9H had a service on the theme of Peace on July 11th focusing on recent tragedies including the Manchester and London terrorist attacks and the Grenfell Tower disaster. They focused on how they will act with love and kindness to be instruments of peace.

Feedback from Pupil Voice Term 5: Term 5 Pupil Voice once again included questions on pupils' well-being and happiness in school. On average pupils rated their well-being, self-esteem, happiness and motivation at 7/10.



Community Cohesion Block Day:

Pupils experienced six workshops: disability awareness, Hinduism, 'Just different,' positive voices, oriental dragon and wheelchair basketball. A superb day was had by all pupils with some really positive comments and excellent feedback from the volunteer presenters. Pupils asked excellent questions and really engaged with the workshops on offer.





Charity Events: The '9F charity drone' raffle raised over £90 for 'Get Neil Walking'. Dylan Mentessi of 9I is the proud winner - pictured with William and Deshan of 9F. In addition, Amber Pisani-Cleland raised over £285 for the Little Princess Trust and money is still being collected. Well done, Amber!

There is a whole school Mufti Day on Friday, 14th July to raise funds for the Get Neil Walking charity.

Date for your diary: A Year 9 BBQ and games social will take place on Tuesday, 18th July from 3.30 to 4.45pm and all Year 9 pupils are invited. The cost of the event is £3 with £1 going to the Get Neil

Walking charity. Hopefully this will be a real celebration of the Year group's progress throughout Year 9 and pupils are invited to change into their own clothes at the end of school for this event.

Well done to all pupils for their hard work in their various charity endeavours; it was great to see such passion and spirited fundraising this year.

It has been a pleasure to be Pastoral Leader for these bright and capable young men and women, and I look forward to the challenges of the Upper School as I take the year group forward as their Pastoral Leader for Year 10.

Mr Campbell, Pastoral Leader Year 9 (mrcampbellj@strichardscs.com)



YEAR TEN NEWS

This has been another positive and extremely busy term for Year 10.

REPORTS: I was very pleased to read the many positive reports, indicating that the majority of pupils are working hard and making the progress needed to secure their aspirational targets. Pupils who will need extra support to achieve the necessary scores for college/next stage 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. 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 for the majority of pupils. 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 special star certificates in assembly.

GLYNE GAP TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC: Mrs Kelly organised a Teddy Bears' Picnic with 16 of our Year 10 pupils and the pupils from Glyne Gap Special 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 and thank you to Mrs Kelly.

BLOCK DAY - TRANSITION TO COLLEGE: All Year 10 pupils experienced a taster day at either Bexhill College or Sussex Downs College last Tuesday. It was an excellent day. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed themselves; they were able to witness a typical college day; they 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 independent 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 son/daughter.

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

Leavers' Day - It was with a sad heart that we said goodbye to our Year 11s as they finally finished their exams and came to the end of their time at St Richard's. The day was marked with time spent with their Form Tutors, a special service of thanksgiving and remembrance and a BBQ on the field cooked by Mr Clark and Mr Campbell and served to the pupils by the Principal, Miss Cronin and their Form Tutors.

Miss Cronin thanked the pupils for all their many contributions over their five years at the school. She reminded them that they will always be part of St Richard's and that they are welcome back anytime to visit and update us on life post-16. In particular, she told the pupils, that if there came a time, at any point, in their lives when they were in crisis then they were to contact the school for support.

Prom: The prom was another wonderful success this year. The weather was beautiful and matched perfectly the stylish 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. Pupils enjoyed a lovely meal followed by dancing. The Head Boy, Head Girl and their Deputies treated everyone to

a touching first dance this year that was very well received by the crowd. We shall miss our Year 11 pupils greatly and wish them every happiness and success in the future. We hope they will come back to see us often.

Yearbook: The Year 11 Yearbook team produced a fantastic Yearbook. Please email allyearbooks.co.uk to purchase one. The reference is St Richards CC Yearbook. Many thanks to the Yearbook Team for all their hard work and dedication in putting the class of 2017's memories together: Robyn Harlow, Serena Coyle, Jayan Jackson, India-Eloisha McKechnie and many others.



GCSE Exams Results Day - Thursday, 24th 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 Mrs Fletcher, 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. However, they are welcome to collect their results on this day too.

Mr Doherty, Pastoral Leader Year 11 (mrdohertry@strichardsgc.com)

ST RICHARD'S AWARD CEREMONY – THE CREST

St Richard's were delighted to hold their first Awards ceremony for achievers of 'THE CREST' award on Friday, 30th June.

This is an Award that has been running for three years and is open to all pupils. It encourages the development of character in our pupils. They must meet a number of challenges and fulfil a number of criteria in order to achieve the different stages of the Award namely Bronze, Silver and Gold. Gold is awarded when pupils have achieved the full criteria of The Crest as detailed below:

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.

Pupils spoke to a packed hall of staff and family members about their experiences on The Crest journey after which Huw Merriman, MP for Battle and Bexhill, delivered an inspiring speech, on the development of character and the importance of determination and kindness needed in equal measures in meeting both challenges and opportunities that life brings. After this, certificates to compliment pupil badges which were being proudly worn on the evening, were presented by Huw and the Principal, Miss Cronin. Speaking after the awards

evening, Mr Merriman said, *"I was blown away by the challenges which these students have accomplished. In so doing, they have furthered their skills and helped others in the process. Whilst academic qualifications are important, the attributes of determination, team-work and leadership will, I hope, lead to successful careers and fulfilled lives for these special students. I wish them well with the next stage of their adventures."*



ATTENDANCE GAMES

This term we are celebrating the first winner of the new attendance competition: the Attendance Games. Congratulations to Duarte Matos of 7U, who has won a £20 cinema voucher by earning himself five entries into the prize draw for Term 5. There will be a draw every term, and anyone with 100% weekly attendance will earn themselves one entry into the draw for each full week.



Information about Child Sexual Exploitation for Parents and Carers

What is Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)

Sexual exploitation is “someone taking advantage of you sexually for their own benefit. Through threats, bribes, violence, humiliation or by telling you that they love you, they will have the power to get you to do sexual things for their own or other people’s enjoyment.” (Nia Project)

CSE is child abuse and the response should be the same as for any other safeguarding concern. It can happen to anybody from any background. Furthermore, it can happen to boys as well as girls

Usually a child will not identify that they are a victim of CSE. We all need to be aware of potential vulnerabilities and risk indicators in order to protect children.

What are the signs to look out for?

- Going missing or regularly coming home late
- Regularly missing school or education
- Appearing with unexplained gifts or new possessions (often new mobile phones or SIM cards)
- Associating with other children involved in exploitation
- Having older boyfriends or girlfriends
- Suffering from sexually transmitted infections
- Unusual changes in mood or behaviour
- Drug and alcohol misuse
- Anything that strikes you as a concern—you know your child.

Report:

Sussex Police: call 101

Child Exploitation & Online Protection Centre:

To report online concerns go to:

www.ceop.police.uk

East Sussex – Children’s Services - Single Point of Advice (SPOA): 01323 464222

If you suspect anyone is in immediate danger, call the Police on 999.

My child is over the age of 16, is there anything I can do?

There are laws to protect children up to the age of 18 from CSE.

Even when they reach the age of 16 a child cannot consent to exploitation. Consent means having the freedom and capacity to choose. Anybody under the influence of drugs or alcohol does not have the capacity to consent to sexual activity.

What can I do to help?

- Talk to your children about healthy relationships and consent;
- Learn about the risks your child may face online and take practical steps to minimise these. See www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents;
- Children who are being sexually exploited need persistence, patience and consistency;
- If you are concerned about a child or a situation **say something!**

Support and Advice:

The WiSE Project - Supporting children and young people to stay safe in their relationships:

Telephone: 07793 325649

Email: wise@sussexcentralymca.org.uk

NSPCC - [Child Sexual Exploitation](http://www.nspcc.org.uk) 0808 800 5000 or email help@nspcc.org.uk

East Sussex LSCB website: [CSE advice](#)

Sussex Police: [CSE advice for children and young people](#)

PACE UK (Parents Against Child Sexual Exploitation)

- Working with parents to enable them to safeguard and stop their children from being sexually exploited
www.paceuk.info or phone - 0113 240 5226

Congratulations to...

Equestrian News: Duncan Morgan won his arena and was also the overall winner to become the National British Riding Club Junior Combined Training Champion. Combined training involves both a dressage test and then jumping a course of show jumps.

Ella Harman organised a coffee morning on Saturday, 20th May at Sacred Heart School for St Michael's Hospice, which was attended by over 200 people. To gather raffle and tombola prizes over 60 businesses were contacted to see if they would like to make a donation and most did. The event raised £1,376.33, which the family increased to £1,500. Well done, Ella.

Congratulations to the St Richard's chess team who recently competed in the final round of the Butler Cup, the largest U14 competition for schools in England. Daniel Guldmond, Benjamin Power, Francis Collinson and Arthur Pepper battled against England and County squad players to take first place in the plate section of the tournament. They came away with medals, a trophy and the Butler



Plate. Many thanks to Julian Franklin of Windlesham House for organising and hosting the competition and to Patrick Donovan the school's coach. St Richard's beat St Andrews in the semi-final 3-1, and then won the final 3-1 against Worthing High in what was an exciting match. The pupils received a plate to be held for one year and a shield to keep.

Jack Massey, Year 8, competed in the National Field Archery Championships over May half term and became National Champion by winning gold in the 12-16 age category. Field archery is simulated hunting, shooting 3D rubber animal targets over varied terrain and unknown distances. Over 600 archers attended the two day event shooting at 80 targets. Jack started archery 2 years ago and has won several archery competitions and hopes to continue his success at the Southern Championships to be held in mid-July.



On Sunday, 28th May Year 8 team members of the St Richard's Equestrian Team, Emma Folwell and Amber Townshend were joined by new Year 7 team member, Georgina Morgan, to take part in the NSEA Show Jumping competition at the All England Showground at Hickstead. This very well-known venue attracts teams from all over Southern England including Hertfordshire, Surrey, London, Wiltshire and Somerset. After settling some rather excited horses, they all rode really well, each riding a beautiful clear round of show jumps against the clock securing a fantastic 6th place overall. Well done Emma, Amber and Georgina!

At the Bexhill Rowing Regatta, Harry Rumary, Year 11, secured two 1st places with his team on the Saturday, as well as another 1st place on the Sunday. He has won a number of trophies over the past two seasons. He is currently the fastest under-16 in the County and is training so that he will be able to qualify for the Junior GB rowing team in the next two years. If he successfully achieves the GB qualifying time, he will be automatically considered for the Oxford Brooks team which is his ultimate goal.

Noah Canby who continued to undertake triathlon training and competitions whilst studying and sitting GCSEs. He recently raced in the National Super series in Leeds and finished 3rd in the Elite Youth Race. He also finished 5th in the National Qualifying Triathlon at Blenheim (first in his age group), meaning he is the first reserve for the

European Championship. He also came 4th in the country at the National Duathlon in April and 3rd in a super series race in May.

Ben Stotesbury-Byrne, Year 10, who recently passed his Grade 2 guitar exam with distinction and Amelie Bennett who passed her Grade 4 violin with distinction.

Isabella East, 8R, who was awarded her Baden-Powell Challenge award at Guides recently.

Special Educational Needs

Prep Club Plus: A reminder that pupils with Special Educational Needs can come to Prep Club Plus in B7 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 in A3, which runs every day, for a chance to eat, play games and socialise together.

Year 9 Block Day: Mr Smith was pleased to see all Year 9 pupils during their Block Day for a session on disability awareness, focusing especially on sensory difficulties and Autistic Spectrum Condition. Pupils were given the opportunity to try out sensory equipment kindly lent by Colleen Van Niekerk (Occupational Therapist), including noise-cancelling headphones and an inflated-ball chair - and many risked delving their hands into mystery boxes, without knowing what they would find! We hope that all pupils will have had the opportunity to experience some of the experiences associated with sensory needs.

All of us in the SEN team wish pupils, parents and carers a restful and happy summer break.

Mr Smith, SENCO and all in the SEN Department

Student Listeners

Student Listeners are a Peer Support Scheme which the college has been running successfully for several years now. It involves a group of Year 10 pupils giving up their time to offer support and a 'listening ear' to younger pupils. One of their main roles is helping our new Year 7 pupils settle into school. They do this by helping during registration, break time, lunch time and Prep Club. This year, the competition was very high, with over 50 letters of application being handed in. The Year 9 Form Tutors and I, had a difficult time choosing the final 34. Congratulations to the following Year 9 pupils who were successful in being selected to be our Student Listeners for 2017-2018:

<i>Jonathan Mporfu</i>	<i>Natasha Morrison</i>	<i>Anna Donald</i>
<i>Skye Alksaris</i>	<i>Jade Coleman</i>	<i>Georgina Cockett</i>
<i>Elizabeth Orden</i>	<i>Mary-Anne Terry</i>	<i>Grace Buchanan</i>
<i>Lexie Coleman</i>	<i>Amber Pisani-Cleland</i>	<i>Loralie Yeates</i>
<i>Rebecca Law</i>	<i>Dominic Sharp</i>	<i>Andrea De Freitas Rodriguez</i>
<i>Ruben Muller-Perol</i>	<i>Alexia Antonislas</i>	<i>Kaira Rubit</i>
<i>Lottie Long</i>	<i>Dilys Cornford</i>	<i>Emilia Suggitt</i>
<i>Kiara Sendhilkumaran</i>	<i>Joseph Neilan</i>	<i>Nuala Eley</i>
<i>Ashlin Davidson</i>	<i>Siobhan Champion</i>	<i>Patrick Marsh</i>
<i>Archie Connor</i>	<i>Rebecca Appleton</i>	<i>Grace Taylor</i>

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, equipment and some funding for educational trips. This money helps to raise aspirations.

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.

Careers Information

CALLING ALL FORMER PUPILS

Did you go to St Richard's Catholic College? If you are a former student 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 has registered with the charity Future First to set up networks of former students 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 students 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 does not matter when you left school, whether you are 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/register/types>

WORK EXPERIENCE PREPARATION MORNING

On Tuesday, 6th June the Year 10 pupils took part in a work experience preparation day.

The morning involved a variety of activities within their form:

- Preparing CVs
- Completing application and medical forms – for their work experience placement
- Looking at Health and safety in the work place
- Practising Interview techniques
- 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 63 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 in 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.

This year, we decided to extend the morning to a whole day of activities. In the afternoon, Jay Wootten from Hastings Direct ran a session with the entire year group. The session focused on acting on the feedback received from the interview earlier in the day. Well done to Year 10 who looked fantastic on the day and were a real credit to the school.



WORK EXPERIENCE

Year 10 pupils participated in a week's work experience from 26th - 30th June in placements offered by over 180 companies and organisations based mainly in the South East. This is part of our Year 10 PSHEe 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. An example of this is Duncan Jones, Libertine London, who said, *"We have been incredibly impressed by Lara. She is a very polite and intelligent young lady and a credit to St Richard's. To this I wanted to add how talented I think she is. I hear from my colleagues that her final presentation was very accomplished."* Overall, the employers were very impressed with the pupils, some even gaining part time jobs from their placements.

This year, we struggled to find enough suitable placements for the pupils and especially aspirational placements. If anyone is able to offer a possible work experience placement to a Year 10 pupil next academic year, please contact me via my email address listed below.

WORK EXPERIENCE 2018

Year 9 pupils will go on a week's work experience in June 2018. This week is particularly valuable as it really gives the pupils a chance to experience the world of work. This week should not necessarily be thought of as a 'Career Taster' week, as there are some organisations that will not take pupils under the age of 16.

What is Work Experience?

It is an unpaid opportunity for young people to experience working life while they are still in school. It gives them the chance to:

- Work alongside adults as part of a team
- Develop and practise a range of new skills
- Relate their school curriculum to the workplace
- Make more informed decisions about their future

The pupils will learn and use a range of transferrable skills, personal qualities and competencies that will contribute towards their employability.

Applying for Work Experience

The pupils will be using a website called Aspire in order to choose their work experience placements. Training in the use of Aspire will be provided via an assembly, after which the pupils will be given an individual password. They can then access Aspire from anywhere, including home. Aspire can be accessed by entering the following website address:

<https://aspire.eastsussex-brighton.org.uk/wexpupilchoiceslogin.aspx?aspirenetview=student>

Each pupil will be issued with a username and password to use this system over the next few weeks. If your son/daughter does lose or forget their username and/or password then please let me know and I will reissue them. They will be asked to choose 3 work placements. Staff will then use these to match up the pupils with available places; this will work on a first come, first served basis. Please be aware that just because a placement is on Aspire, this does not guarantee that the placement is available for the week that our pupils are out on work experience. Pupils can find their own placements if they wish and for some industries, such as veterinary, this is recommended. The pupil will need to contact the employer to discuss the possibility of a work experience placement, and then complete the 'own placement section' on Aspire. From experience I have found that own placement finds tend to be a more valuable experience as these are usually in the field that the pupils wishes to pursue in the future. All of the placements will be vetted to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the pupils during the placement.

What does Work Experience Involve?

The pupils will participate in an in-depth preparation programme (covering topics such as health and safety and employer expectations) prior to their placement. The pupils will also be asked to telephone their employers to discuss the arrangements for the placement, such as what to wear and what time they should arrive on the first day. In addition, you will receive a parental agreement form detailing the risk assessment for the placement. This must be signed and returned before the placement begins. As part of preparation, and of continuing child protection, please encourage your son/daughter to discuss their placement and the risk assessment with you. If you feel that any issue raised during these discussions may need to be followed up by the college, please do not hesitate to contact me.

The pupils will be supplied with a diary to record their experience and identify the skills they have used and developed during their placements. Whilst in the work place, the pupil will be expected to behave and carry out tasks as any other employee of the organisation. As part of the monitoring programme of both the pupils and the placements a member of staff will visit or phone the placements at least once.

On their return to the college, they will take part in a debrief programme and write letters of thanks to their placements.

CAREERS WORKSHOPS



Thank You

This academic year we have been able to run 22 careers workshops for pupils in Years 8–11. This has meant that approximately 660 of our pupils have accessed careers information on a



wide range of career paths. The workshops have included apprenticeships, FE providers, life at university, architecture, Director of the BBC Proms, the army and making A level choices to name a few. Thank you to the local employers, FE providers, parents/carers and our alumni network who provided these talks free of charge. The pupils have thoroughly enjoyed the workshops, especially those provided by former pupils. Being able to hear about successful people who used to be sitting where they do now, adds another aspect to the experience. If anyone is interested in running a careers workshop next academic year, which can be in person or via Skype, please do contact me on the email address provided below.

Careers Ambassador Programme

This academic year, 13 Year 9 pupils have taken on the role of Careers Ambassadors. They are part of a pilot, where they have been on a peer mentoring scheme with 30 of our Year 7 pupils. During this pilot they have run 3 sessions with the Year 7 pupils: making decisions, networking and communication skills. The Year 9 pupils have been trained in how to run the session, and then they have taken responsibility and delivered the workshop to the younger pupils. The careers ambassador programme has been supported by the school's Enterprise Advisor, Cath Brunger, from AXA PPP Healthcare.

We are currently evaluating the programme which has started with the Year 7 pupils. They have said that they have learnt how to talk to people they don't know, learnt to be more independent and have been able to make their own decisions without following what friends think. All comments are positive and indicate skills that will help them further in the school and in the future.

The Careers Ambassadors have a final meeting this term for us to evaluate how we can improve/expand the programme for next academic year; this will include the Ambassadors helping to recruit from our current Year 8 pupils. The work Cath Brunger has done with the Careers Ambassadors won the South East region 'Joining the Dots' Award. This was for the Enterprise Advisor who "joins the dots" between schools and colleges, employers and providers. The award was presented by The Careers & Enterprise Company. Well done Andrea, Dilys, Kiara, Lexie, Allysha, Rebecca, Imeldah, Abbie, Jade, William, Natalia, Carlos and Elizabeth. Thank you Cath for providing the resources, advice and help to run the workshops.



Mrs C Adams, Careers and Work Experience Coordinator (mrsadams@strichardscc.com)



HOW TO KEEP YOUR CHILDREN SAFE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

We would like to support parents and carers to have a better understanding of the social media apps that are popular at the moment and how to have conversations with your children so they understand how to stay safe online.

What are the most popular apps?

SNAPCHAT- Snapchat is one of the most popular messaging apps. You can capture a photo or brief video with it, then add a caption or doodle or filter/lens over the top, and send the finished creation (called a snap) to a friend. Alternatively, you can add your snap to your "story", a 24-hour collection of all your snaps that's broadcasted to the world or just your followers. As of May 2014, the app's users were sending 700 million snaps a day.

You may have heard in the news lately the changes Snapchat has made with their new Snapmap setting which is automatically switched on; this shows the user exactly where their friends are on a map, whether they are sleeping at their home or travelling in a car. Snapchat say this is so they can 'stalk their friends' or check to see 'if their partner is cheating'. This is a very dangerous element that was added recently that your child might not even know about. As we know they do not only have their close friends online so this could mean anyone would know exactly where they are.

Please see the video link below with Nadia Sawalha talking to her daughter about the app and how it works:

[https://www.facebook.com/nadiaandkaye/videos/1274040762717731/?hc_ref=PAGES TIMELINE](https://www.facebook.com/nadiaandkaye/videos/1274040762717731/?hc_ref=PAGES_TIMELINE)

Below are links to advice on how your child can ensure that the map is turned off. You can also add 'ghost mode' so that you cannot be seen, also checking their privacy settings are at the highest level.

<https://au.news.yahoo.com/a/36103098/parents-warned-over-creepy-snapchat-tracking-update/#page1>

<http://metro.co.uk/2017/06/23/how-to-turn-on-ghost-mode-on-snapchats-snap-map-6729915/>

INSTAGRAM- Instagram is a social networking app made for sharing photos and videos from a smartphone. Similar to Facebook or Twitter, everyone who creates an Instagram account has a profile and a news feed. When you post a photo or video on Instagram, it will be displayed on your profile. Other users who follow you will see your posts in their own feed. Likewise, you will see posts from other users who you choose to follow.

There are millions of people around the world using Instagram, some of whom are professional bloggers using the app making money to advertise goods. Some are make-up artists and musical artists. Due to this, children and young people can have a variety of people they follow and who follow them.

Our advice is to sit down with your child to ensure they have their privacy settings on and understand how they can keep themselves safe. One way is for them to create a 'public' account and a 'private' account. The 'public' account can have, however, many followers they want, but they do not share images that clearly show them in school uniform or selfies showing where they live. It is more for them to share safe images and things they are into such as make-up and sports. The 'private' account is where they have their immediate friends and family and they do share selfies, check in to places and share more personal information about themselves if they wish.

Most young people we talk to have over 1000 people on their Instagram accounts. We know they do not know that many people well enough to share the types of images that are being shared so having different accounts is one way to keep themselves safe.

Another feature which is automatically turned on when creating an Instagram account is geotagging, this can allow people to see exactly where you were when you uploaded the picture to Instagram. Below is a link explaining this feature in more detail and how you can turn geotagging off in your settings.

<https://www.dailydot.com/debug/how-to-remove-instagram-geotags/>

If you would like more support about E-Safety please visit:

NSPCC- Share Aware; everything you need to keep your child safe in this digital age.

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=shareaware2014&utm_term=online_safety_for_parents&gclid=CJHb9Pn-8dQCFYEKGwodSSQKzw&gclidsrc=ds

Childnet - information and advice for parent/carers.

<http://www.childnet.com/blog/free-internet-safety-leaflets-for-parents-2016>

Think U Know- CEOP support for parent/carers.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

Mr Fegan, Subject Leader - Computing and ICT

Spotting the signs that my child is being bullied

You know your child best so will be aware if something seems wrong.

The type of behaviour that might be an indication of bullying includes:

- a reluctance to go to school
- unexplained tummy upsets or headaches
- showing signs of distress on a Sunday night or at the end of school holidays
- becoming either quiet or withdrawn, or playing up
- torn clothes and missing belongings
- seeming upset after using their phone, tablets or computers
- wanting to leave for school much earlier than necessary or returning home late

If you have any concerns regarding bullying in school, please contact your child's Form Tutor, Pastoral Leader or Mrs Hills, our Anti Bullying Co-ordinator, (mrshillsa@strichardscc.com)

Communicating with Parents from September 2017

At the request of pupils and parents, we are continuing with 'Show My Homework' next year alongside the journal. 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 asked to keep journals as they enable them to record their reward points and important reminders. It also provides space for parents and staff to communicate with one another and can be used as a diary.

To make both affordable, we produce an in-house journal where we can rebind journals if they become loose.

The PTFA have kindly agreed to fund the use of 'School Comms' which is an 'App' that can be freely downloaded onto devices such as a computer/phone/tablet and allow for daily communication with home. As well as receiving important messages and reminders you will also be able to track behaviour and rewards. It will help us all to work more closely together to ensure all children reach their potential. More information to follow in September.

Mrs Bligh, Vice-Principal



MFL NEWS

MFL Club meets

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

Spanish

Introducimos Juan y Gabriela. The lovely Year 7 pupils in Spanish club have been creating resources for the classroom walls which will help and inspire other pupils' learning. They have created two new characters **Juan and Gabriela** both of whom will be spotted on the wall of B13 in September helping you to learn Spanish!

Barcelona Trip 2017 - Advance notice of Parents Meeting: There will be a parent/carer meeting on **Thursday, 14th September at 7.00pm in the main hall** in order to go through the itinerary, useful items to bring, health and safety and behaviour expectations.

Factoid: The most popular boy's name for newborn boys in Spain in 2016 was Santiago and most popular girl's name was Sofia.

German

German Club will start up again in September, so watch this space!

Speaking of Switzerland, we were fortunate to welcome a Swiss German speaker, Nina Küng, to the MFL Department this term. Nina spent three weeks in classes providing insight into life in Switzerland and the German language and it was a really great opportunity for the pupils.



Reminder for KS4 pupils that intervention sessions are available 5 times a week for support with speaking and writing and this will continue in September.

Factoid: Switzerland holds a competition each year called 'Fight of the Queens' (Combat de Reines). The entrants are not people but cows, and the winner is crowned "Queen of Queens".

French

Opal Coast Trip to France - Friday 23rd June - Sunday 25th June

49 pupils from Years 8 and 9 accompanied by Miss Chong, Mrs Herring, Miss Auzinger, Mr Carradine and Mr Nuckhir enjoyed a 3 day trip to the Opal Coast this term. See what the pupils had to say in their own words about what they gained from the experience below.

Highlights from a staff perspective included seeing pupils making the most of opportunities to converse in French at the bakery and the market (there were many 'light bulb' moments in which pupils could see the satisfaction in being able to understand and make themselves understood in French!). We were very proud of the pupils being complimented many times over the three days. One visitor commented on our pupils' excellent participation and behaviour at La Coupole museum and the master baker congratulated them on their discipline and enthusiasm during the bakery workshop. Our tour guide, Will, also thanked them for being a delightful group to accompany. We were very moved by the pupils' respectful silence in walking around the Etaples war cemetery and their sincere sense of reflection in joining in the prayers led by Mr Carradine and Mrs Herring during this part of the visit. A special word of thanks also goes to William Brown, 9F, for producing a very professional 6 minute video of the trip which has been shared in school with the pupils and their year groups.

"When we got off the ferry we went to la Coupole (a World War One bunker). Then we went to the hotel and had an interesting evening meal which wasn't to all of our tastes but we had a go! In the morning, we went to a famous boulangerie in the region which is known for its traditional French bread and we were walked through the process of making French bread. After a complimentary 'pain au chocolat' made at the bakery, we then went to a Chocolatière and tasted homemade chocolate and cocoa powder. Next, we went to the snail farm where we thought about the life of a snail and tasted three different types. I think Mr Carradine especially liked them. When we returned that evening, we ate pâté and spaghetti. The next

morning we went to a local market, a shopping centre and a famous French sports shop called Decathlon. We then went on a town trail around the historical old town in Boulogne before making our way for the evening trip back on the ferry.” By Allysha Nhanda and Dominic Sharp



Allysha Nhanda: “In my opinion, I enjoyed the trip and the culture of France. My favourite part was the town trail right before we left. I recommend the trip to everyone and would love to go again.”



Dominic Sharp: “I enjoyed my time in France and all the activities we took part in. It was a great experience and allowed me to relax. It allowed me to develop my French

knowledge and skills.”

Georgina Cockett: “I liked the visits to the bakery and the snail farm. I also liked the surprise visit to the big shopping centre. On the last day, I enjoyed going to Boulogne for the town trail.”



Honey Harrison: “I really valued our experience at the war cemetery.”



Olimpia Croucher: “I enjoyed the chocolate factory the most because I love chocolate!”

Hannah Walker: “I enjoyed the snail farm the best as it was really exciting!”

Summer French Factoids



21st June is known as music day in France. In order to celebrate the longest day of the year, since 1982, musicians are encouraged to play music in streets under the slogan “faites de la musique” (meaning ‘make music’). This a homophone of “fête de la musique” which means “music festival”. This custom now takes place in 120 countries around the world.

On 5th July, French pupils will start their summer holiday.



14th July is a national day in France, known as Bastille Day in Britain. It celebrates the start of the French revolution and the end of the French Monarchy.

Miss Chong, Miss Auzinger & Mrs Scott

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

After 17 years at St Richard's, I find myself writing my last newsletter for the department! Having made the decision to take early retirement, I've found myself reflecting upon many thousands of hours of music making with so many very talented young musicians, and indeed many very talented colleagues. There's no real retiring from music teaching, or so I'm told by a few already retired music colleagues, and for me it's just a change of direction; I intend to spend at least some of my 'gained time' building a private piano and guitar teaching practice, and to do a bit more playing. If there's any time left in the week, I'm planning to set up a photography business (so if anyone's getting married soon!). In my little remaining time here, we have our combined drama, dance and music production 'Our House', and I'm very much looking forward to that. Both the Performing Arts team, and the cast and musicians have worked extremely hard to bring things together around an already hugely busy end of term, including weekend rehearsals.

The new term will be along soon enough, and one of the first events in September is always a fantastic recital given by East Sussex Music Service, as part of their Year 7 recruitment process. Do remember, though, that it's never too late to start to learn an instrument, and maybe September would be a great time to get the ball rolling, even for pupils higher up the school?

Without a doubt, my decision to retire has been made tougher as I'll be leaving behind my lovely Performing Arts team; I've been incredibly lucky in recent years in working very closely alongside Mrs Byrne, Mrs Knight and Mrs Dunster. I've lost count of the number of Masses, services, shows and performances we've done together, and it's these things I'm going to remember with most fondness. Mrs Byrne and I have worked together for five years, and every pupil in the school will know why we are so very, very lucky to have her. Music teachers with Mrs Byrne's outstanding performance and teaching skills, utter dedication to the 'job', and ability to encourage each and every pupil they teach to become the musicians they're capable of being, do not come along every day. I'd like to thank Mrs Byrne very publicly for her unfaltering support in the time we've worked together; I will very much miss being part of the 'team'!

My very best wishes for a restful summer, and I hope to bump into some of you from time to time. Do keep in touch!

Mr Roadknight, Subject Leader – Music

DRAMA DEPARTMENT

SUMMER SHOW: As you read this, our fantastically talented pupils will have finished their run of 'Our House' and will no doubt be feeling tired, but very proud, as am I! The cast have shown such commitment and enthusiasm this year, and have come up against a series of challenges which they have dealt with like mature and resilient young performers. The audience feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and on behalf of the Performing Arts team I would like to say a massive thank you to all the pupils, staff and parents/carers involved, both during show week and in the weeks leading up to it. I would also like to extend my thanks to the parents/carers of all pupils in the cast for their support with late weekday and early weekend rehearsals. We cannot produce the standard of show that we have become known for without the support of this great community. The DVD and photos will be available for you to buy soon, please see Mr Roadknight for further details.

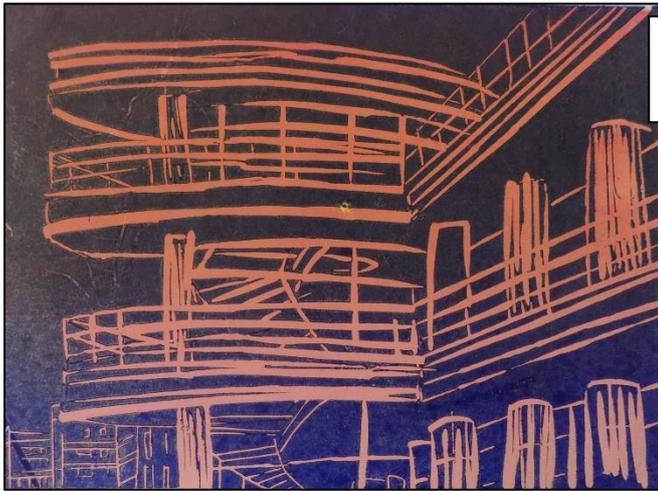


YEAR 6 RETREAT: The Year 6 pupils were invited in this term to spend a day with the Performing Arts team to experience the liturgical life of the college. All pupils took part in workshops with the dance, drama and music staff which culminated in a thoughtful mass including some confident and moving performances from the pupils. We cannot wait to involve them in our celebrations of faith next year.

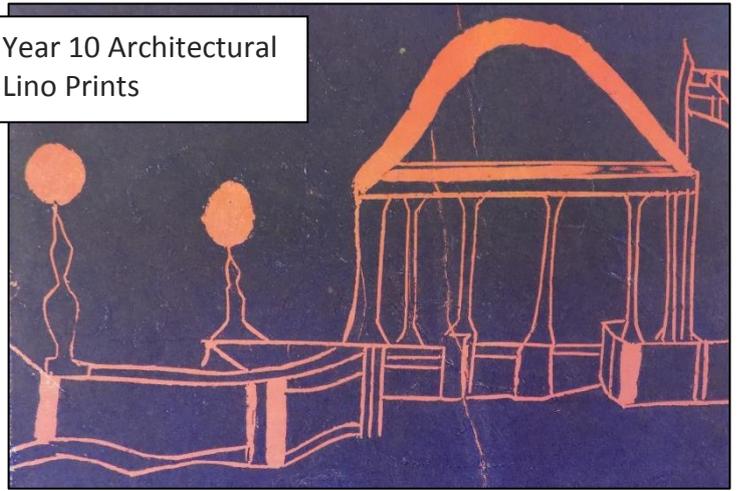
Mrs Dunster, Subject Leader - Drama (mrsdunsters@strichardsc.com)

ART DEPARTMENT

All our pupils are making really positive progress in the Art Department. **Year 7** worked with enthusiasm on the stage design for 'Our House' and it is now in-situ. In Art and Design they are painting their nightlights. **Year 8** have made their highly original teapot designs in ceramics and are painting too. Ms Pennington's group are producing some wonderful observational watercolour work. **Year 9** are working on various media skills and research based study and have constructed a Ceramic Fish Mobile. The Quarter Portraits Project in Fine Art is progressing nicely. **Year 10** GCSE are continuing to build on their excellent year on the course demonstrating pride in all their sketchbooks. Year 10 are concentrating on sketchbook based portfolio coursework inspired by the Felicity Truscot project.



Year 10 Architectural Lino Prints



Farley's Arts Trust Awards: Year 11 GCSE pupils Katarzyna Fedor, Nina Espiritu and Serena Coyle has been selected to represent St Richard's Catholic College in the prestigious Farley's Arts Trust Awards 2017. Since 2006 hundreds of students at schools and community colleges in East Sussex have been selected for these awards. Each work in the resulting exhibition at the Farleys is reviewed by Antony Penrose and Ian Chance in front of an enthusiastic audience of teachers, students and their friends and families. Following that event the exhibition is on public view. This is an outstanding



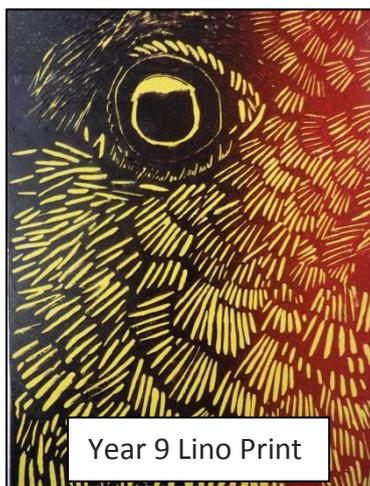
opportunity for the students to receive wider comment on, and appreciation of, their work and to show it in a professional context in a public gallery. Exhibiting students are presented with a certificate and those judged to be outstanding in each category receive a Farley Arts Trust Award prize of art materials or equipment for their school or college.

Year 10 GCSE Art pupils worked on a fantastic project with the DLWP and artist Felicity Truscot. The pupils visited the Simon Patterson exhibition at the DLWP and met the artist Simon Patterson and asked him questions about his work. Pupils then took part in an exciting drawing workshop with artist Felicity Truscott at the DLWP and a second workshop in school. You can read more about the exhibition



and artists here: www.dlwp.com/exhibition/simon-patterson <http://www.felicitytruscott.com/>.

Ten year 7 pupils took part in a fantastic sound project with the De La Warr Pavillion. Pupils visited the Simon Patterson exhibition before it opened to the public for a preview of his work and were recorded discussing the work. The recordings will end up as part of the exhibition for visitors to listen to. You can read more about the exhibition here www.dlwp.com/exhibition/simon-patterson.



Year 9 Lino Print

Finally, we are running a GCSE Art trip to the Victoria and Albert Museum in London. The pupils will take part in a workshop run by the V&A learning team to help develop their GCSE Art coursework. The pupils will also visit



Year 11 Sketchbooks

the exhibition – ‘Their Mortal Remains,’ an experience that will be a spectacular and unparalleled audio-visual journey through Pink Floyd’s unique and extraordinary worlds; chronicling the music, design, and staging of the band, from their debut in the 1960s through to the present day.

Mr Peachment, Art Department

Maths News

Numeracy Block Day Year 8: The Year 8 pupils

took part in a whole day of number, puzzles and problem solving. Four workshops were delivered by The Happy Puzzle Company and the maths department teachers. All of Year 8 fully participated and many certificates have been given out. A very lovely email from a parent summed the day up wonderfully. "Her favourite part was the outdoor session, led by Mr Gallivan. She said that it was very satisfying to be able to work out the height of a tree without climbing it! She also thoroughly enjoyed the Crimewatch session, led by a teacher she didn't recognise, which focussed on using maths to save the population from a disease. Thank you once again for these enriching extra-curricular activities which show my daughter how numeracy is applied in the real world. I knew she would enjoy the day."

New Maths Teacher: Mr Eyre will be joining the department in September and we know he will be a great asset to the department. He has already started leading Numeracy intervention in these last few weeks.

Equipment for Mathematics: It is essential that all pupils always carry the right equipment for every Maths lesson. Please check your child's pencil case to make sure it includes: pencil, ruler, compasses, protractor and calculator. Pupils not bringing these will be given community service as it hinders their mathematics learning.

Mathematics GCSE: The Year 10 pupils going into Year 11 should keep up their studies over the summer. Great websites to use include:

www.mrbartonmaths.com

<https://www.youtube.com/user/HEGARTYMATHS>

<https://www.vle.mathswatch.com>



History Department News

History Department Postcard Competition

This summer the History Department would like to set you a challenge. Can you send us 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, Ashdown Rd, Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex, TN40 1SE.*

Year 9 GCSE History

Our Year 9 pupils have made a fantastic start to their GCSE studies. All pupils will have learnt about Weimar Germany and the rise of the Nazis during the 1920's. Pupils are asked to ensure that all work from this term is up to date and complete in their books, ready for lessons in September. We will be moving on to looking at how Hitler rose to power in 1933 and pupils are encouraged to investigate this over the summer holidays.

Year 10 GCSE History

Year 10 pupils have been completing their learning for the Nazi Germany unit this term and will be set a consolidation task for the summer holidays. It is important that this work is completed ready for September as we will be moving on to our new unit, Anglo-Saxon and Norman England.

Textbooks

Pupils in Years 9 and 10 were given letters regarding History resources earlier this term. The order for these has now been placed, however, if you would still like to order textbooks for History, letters will be re-issued in September. For your information, the textbooks we use are listed below. You are welcome to purchase these independently should you choose to.

TEXTBOOK	ISBN
Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918-1939	9781292127347
Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History The American West, c1835-c1895	9781292127309
Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Anglo-Saxon and Norman England c1060-1088	9781292127231
Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History Medicine Through Time, c1250- present	9781292127378

Mrs Campbell, Subject Leader for History

st michael's hospice

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Bodiam, TN32 5RA



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Zooquarium Festival: a young people's music festival on Hastings Pier

On Saturday, 15th July 2017 Hastings Pier's Learning and Education department will present a brand new music festival designed by and for local young people. The festival has been created through consultation with local young people from Hastings, Bexhill and St Leonards and young people will be involved in all aspects of the festival – from performers to backstage production technicians. The headline act 'Rat Boy' who is currently enjoying Radio 1 air time was selected from a long list by local young people as their ideal performer for top spot on the main stage. Even the logo was designed by students, George and Amber, at University Centre Hastings and Bexhill College.

The festival is a celebration of young people's talent. In May over 150 local young people auditioned for the chance to perform at the festival. 15 acts were chosen: The Kiffs, Orson Coupland, Hattie Tippayanasa, Xavier Ralph, Sam Brown, Mourning over Mafia, Joby Heasmer, Jessica Painter, Ben Blatcher, Maxx Daly, MacDonald, Clarke and Dell, Laura Palmer, Tullia, Holly Holt, Albany, Elisha and Mystic Shed, all of whom come from local schools namely: Rye College, Hastings Academy, St Richard's, Bexhill College, Eastbourne Academy, St Leonards Academy, Lewes College, Sussex Coast College, and Robertsbridge College. The selected 15 acts have been given professional musicians as mentors as part of the festival through a mentoring project managed by Eggtooth, the alternative education providers. The mentors are local talented performers; Marie White, Brad Goss, Brigitte Aphrodite and Gaz Thomlinson. Marie is known for her beautiful deep husky voice and can often be seen performing in Hastings Old Town at Porters. Brad is known for his crazy, quirky, energy fuelled science show 'Blast Science'. In his spare time, Brad performs in several bands including 'Cocktail Safari' showing off his cool retro look and American wit. Brigitte combines comedy and tragedy by performing stand up and performance poetry on the theme of mental well-being – a relevant topic for many young people and with performances at Edinburgh Fringe under her belt, she is an inspiring role model for young women. Completing the mentor line up is Gaz Tomlinson, who heads up the amazing multi-instrumentalist 5 piece 'Quiet Boy'.

If this wasn't enough, there will also be food and drink stalls so you can enjoy mocktails at the 'Pink Flamingo' bar with sea views or indulge in some street food. Given the fishy / animal name, festival goers are encouraged to dress up in costume. Prizes (cinema tickets and a £50 voucher for Priory Meadow shopping centre) will be given out for the best costumes – so unleash your creativity and go wild! If you haven't time to order your onesie or make your animal ears then fear not as hair braiding, and specialist festival face painting will be available on the day. There will also be music workshops, a rock star photo booth and the chance to have a go at some creative sessions. So what are you waiting for?! This is a fantastic day out for friends or family groups. Don't miss out on the event of the summer! Book your ticket today. Only £15 for full day and evening access, book online at:

www.zooquariumfestival.com



Parents, Teachers & Friends Association NEWS

We were really blessed with beautiful weather for the Summer Fayre on 17th June. It was good to see so many people enjoying themselves. £3,000 was raised. Thanks to everybody who came along and those who helped, including many members of staff.

Recently money raised has been used to purchase aprons and goggles for the art department and sports day medals. Some new P.E. equipment will be purchased soon.

The last PTFA meeting of the academic year was held on 3rd July. The next meeting will be on 25th September. All welcome!

Lisa Segal and myself have finished being Co-Chairs now. Nicky Cave is going to be the next Chairperson.

On behalf of the PTFA, may I thank everyone for their support throughout the last school year.

With best wishes for a happy summer.

Heather Mulligan

(Joint Chair with Lisa Segal)

Geography News

It's been an incredibly busy term for the department. Here's a snippet of the action...

Isle of Wight here we come...

At the time of writing 40 pupils are about to head to the Isle of Wight with the Geography department. We are staying at the PGL Little Canada site and will be exploring the wonders of the island as well as having fun on the Giant Swing amongst other activities with the PGL groupies. ***We will be running the trip next year for Year 9 pupils and will handing out letters in September. First come, first served!***



St Richard's Geographers sweep the board!

On Friday, 9th June, 30 more able and determined Geography pupils visited the South of England Agricultural Society Show at Ardingly Showground. Pupils had been chosen by their teacher for having either made great progress in the subject or demonstrating a high level of achievement. The trip was an opportunity to celebrate participation, effort, attitude and behaviour from every Year 7 and 8 Geography class in the college. They were also accompanied by pupils who competed in the Society's school competitions as well as those who attended Geography Club on a regular basis.



Prior to the event, all Year 7 and 8 pupils had been invited to participate in the competition, in which pupils wrote a 50 word poem about an image of the Great British Countryside, to celebrate 50 years of South of England Agricultural Society. The finalists were picked by staff before being entered for the main competition, against other schools and colleges across Sussex and beyond. We are proud to announce that our own pupils came away overall winners! Winner of the Key Stage 3 category was Year 7 pupil, William Buchanan, with Certificates of Commendation to Maisie Nevey and Gabrielle Ward, also in Year 7. The College 'Geography Club' also entered a growing competition where they created a small garden displaying the number 50 to celebrate the anniversary and again we won 1st prize in the Key Stage 3 category!



Pupils enjoyed an educational tour of the livestock from a seasoned local farmer and thoroughly enjoyed the hands-on experience exploring a vast range of stalls and exhibitions about local produce, educational establishments, ethics organisations as well as established institutes such as Young

Farmers Organisation. Highlights included the Show Ring with the daring Cossacks on horseback, performing dangerous manoeuvres at high speeds around the arena.

The trip will run again next June so get working hard in Geography or attend Geography Club on Monday lunchtimes from 12:45 til 1:10pm if you would like to attend.



Year 10 visit Eastbourne

On the hottest day of the year, the GCSE Geographers spent the day exploring the coastal resort of Eastbourne. Pupils were incredibly lucky to learn all about the coastal management of the area from Mr Long, a team leader at the Environment Agency, and then see its impact first hand. They also spent time exploring very different locations within the town to see how the quality of life can really differ just a matter of only footsteps away. They used digital

equipment and apps to measure noise pollution as well as all the usual surveys and questionnaires!

Year 8 visit Galley Hill

With the beach just minutes away, Year 8 Geographers have had the opportunity to visit Galley Hill as part of their Coastal Studies unit of work. In this educational visit, pupils walked to the beach during their Geography lesson and used the department's latest digital equipment to record data first hand and explore the processes at work at Galley Hill.



This helped them to understand the impact that this may have on the people who live in this location. Pupils enjoyed applying the wave theory of erosion, transportation and deposition, and then analysing the impact of coastal management and evaluating its success. A real opportunity to see geography in action.

Help us build links between children in Kenya and St Richard's Catholic College

Raise money for the building of a classroom for this group of children in Kenya who currently have their lesson under a tree - come rain or shine!



World Water Week

The department has been raising awareness about World Water Week (3rd - 7th July). Throughout the week there were bucket carrying challenges, clean water workshops and Kenyan tribal items on sale so pupils have a better understanding about the inequality in access to clean water. Pupils worked in forms to design a water bottle label where they designed and coloured a label to promote water awareness worldwide in issues such as areas of the world most affected by lack of clean water/water shortages; the dangers of dirty water and impacts a shortage of clean water might have on people.

Mrs Hoyle, Subject Leader - Geography

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

As we come to the end of another academic year in the life of the college 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. A number of staff are leaving the college and I thank them for their contribution during their time here. I wish them every success in their future endeavours.

I would like to congratulate the whole college, 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 etc. My thanks to them for their generous efforts.

Many trips have been run by staff for the benefit of the pupils plus Parish Masses and Performing Arts/sporting events. I thank all of those involved for making these activities possible and enriching the school life experience for our pupils.

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.

Finally, I am retiring as a Foundation Governor after sixteen years with the college, the last eight having been Chair. I have been privileged to be involved in the running of the school and working with so many people who contribute at all levels to the St Richard's community. The Governors are looking for a Foundation Governor with a financial background, so if you are interested and would like to know more, contact Miss Cronin.

May God bless you all.

Keith Osborne, Chair of Governors

OXFORD Overnight Trip

On Friday, 30th June at 5:45pm a group of 11 pupils, all Librarians, Astronomers and Historians, from Years 7, 8 and 10, set off in the school minibus bound for Oxford. With Dr Durkin in charge, and supported by Ms Tocknell, we were in for a fabulous time! Arriving at Eynsham Hall, Oxfordshire, for a sumptuous stay overnight (It's like Downton on the outside and a John Lewis catalogue on the inside!) followed by a slap-up breakfast in the early morning, by 8:45 we were on our way into Oxford itself.



'Eynsham hall was absolutely brilliant and the rooms were amazing,' said Katie, Year 10

'I loved the hotel and the food,' said Maisie, Year 7, whilst Eleanor commented, *'The hotel was really beautiful and posh!'*



We visited the Bodleian Libraries, viewed the Radcliffe Camera and Brasenose College alongside it, then took a tour of the Divinity School and

Duke Humphries Library, learning about the long history and traditions of study in Oxford.

'The tour around the Bodleian was really interesting and I learnt so much about history!' Katie, Year 10

'The smell of old vellum and the weight of history was just phenomenal!' Ms Tocknell

'I found the Library and tour guide extremely interesting.' Maisie, Year 7



We had time for lunch in the town, plus a little shopping, prior to viewing the Weston Library Exhibition of Treasures and the 'Which Jane Austen?' Exhibition – both held fascinating books and objects for us to marvel at. Did you know that Jane Austen was about five foot 8 inches tall, but slimmer than Kate Moss, the supermodel? Next we had time to peruse the thousands of fascinating objects in the Pitt Rivers Museum, an anthropological



collection grouped by function, covering cultures from all over the world, many ancient, some historic, a few modern. The curator explained that items in this museum are placed together to show how different peoples have solved the same problems, using local materials and ingenuity. And yes – we saw the shrunken heads!

'The museums were fascinating with all the different artefacts from across the world. The shrunken heads were cool and awesome!' Eleanor, Year 7



Additionally, to add to the fabulousness of our visit, it was Alice in Wonderland Day in Oxford, and we were treated to surreal sightings of a six foot tall White Rabbit, the Red Queen, and even Alice herself!



By 5:15pm we had walked back through the busy crowds of Oxford, and settled into the minibus for a hot journey home via The Little Chef, arriving safely back home by 9:30pm – shattered but happy.

'The trip was amazing with so much to do and see; I would love to go again.' Katie, Year 10

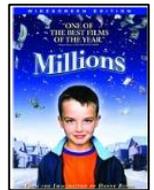
'Visiting Oxford was a great experience and the Libraries were very interesting.' Amelie, Year 7

'This trip was really fun and exciting and I hope to do more like this.' Skye, Year 7

Library News



Film Club News Our Year 7 Film Clubbers opted to watch 'Millions' for the last showing of the year – all enjoyed this family movie and discussing what they would do with all that money!



Over the last few months, they have also been writing special postcard reviews and winning prizes for their efforts.



The **Scholastic Book Club** is offering an opportunity to encourage children to keep reading over the summer holidays. By taking part in an individual sponsored read, children can raise money to send much-needed books and storytellers to children spending their summer holidays stuck in hospital. **Each child who takes part will be entered into a draw to win our school a visit from top author and Tom**

Gates creator Liz Pichon! Sign up at www.bigholidayread.org. All the money is raised via Just Giving. Pupils read what they want - from comics to classics, books to blogs. There's lots of inspiration at Scholastic Book Clubs - where you can earn free books for our school too! If you have any queries, please call Scholastic on 01453 839005.



Winners of the CILIP Carnegie Book Award 2017



Well done, Carnegie readers, Karina Maziarczuk, 7U, Maisie Nevey, 7I, Ember Hughes, 7L, Eleanor Klein, 7S, Megha Shaji Madassery, 7I, Amelie Croft, 7L and Joe Baszczak, 8L, who between them read 32 books from the Carnegie short and long lists! All will be invited to join



us at the end of year Librarian Party in the last week of term.

Book Quote of the Month: *"Libraries are cathedrals of the mind, hospitals of the soul, theme parks of the imagination. On a cold and rainy island, they are the only sheltered public spaces where you are not a consumer but a citizen instead."* – Caitlin Moran, columnist and critic.

Have a great summer!
Ms Tocknell, Librarian

Lourdes 2018



We have now launched our 2018 Lourdes Pilgrimage to Year 10 pupils. The pilgrimage will run from 2nd-7th April, 2018 (Monday-Saturday) during the first week of the Easter holidays. Our school group takes part in the wider HCPT pilgrimage to Lourdes, supporting local vulnerable and disabled children in experiencing the trip of a lifetime. Our school group is Service Group 715 and forms part of the Central Services team who support the 5000 strong pilgrimage. More information about the work of HCPT can be found here: <http://www.hcpt.org.uk/>.

Our school group will travel by coach and plane to reach Lourdes, France, where we will spend the week participating in a huge variety of activities, trips and services, as well as supporting the wider pilgrimage. It is a superb opportunity for pupils wishing to work with children in the future or just to broaden their horizons at this stage in their lives. No personal care is undertaken by our pupils and they are fully prepared and supervised for the trip.

Religious affiliation is not a requirement of the trip but it is important for pupils to remember that they are taking part in a pilgrimage and to try their best to engage with all the experiences in Lourdes. They are always pleasantly surprised by how much they enjoy Lourdes liturgies!

The full cost of the trip is £715 and a breakdown of these costs is below. A payment plan will be put in place once the group is finalised before the summer:

- £85 deposit (to secure flights)
- £400 in instalments (covering all travel, food and accommodation whilst in Lourdes)
- £200 fundraising (in school and/or parishes or other means - to support local vulnerable and disabled children in going to Lourdes)
- £30 hoodie and t-shirt



Any extra money fundraised will go into the Lourdes fund to continue to support the children from our local groups.

In order to secure a place, please get a letter from Miss Wood in A1 or Jo Doyle in her office. Any questions, please email Miss Wood on: misswoodm@strichardsc.com.

CONGRATULATIONS ON RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

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Chantelle Fullam, Helena Hudson, Katie Nash, Simon Hampton, Raymond Okoliko, Panashe Makwiramiti, Carlo Friedlander, Maddy Thwaites (Hastings), Lara Lippin (Hastings), Jack Eaton (Hastings), Jack O'Shaughnessy (Hastings), Louis Lipsham (Hastings) and Hannah Claasen (Rye).

St Mary Magdalene

Hannah Austin, Ileana Buagas, Zak Davis, Katie Ebrat, Myles Goldsmith, Chloe Jenkins, Hannah Jones, Esme Lawton, Alex Marsh, Truly Melody, Caitlin Oastler, Jasmin Turner, Angela Venoya and Eleanor Zillwood.

Christ the King

Pierce Barns, George De Vere, Lara Glenister, Eloise Hennelly, Kirsten-Andrea Ilagan, Honey Madrideo, Joseph Moy and Sandra Sabu.

Our Lady of Ransom

Tilly Harrison, Martha Hellett, James Knight, Joseph Nelson, Ethan O'Hara-Harris, Oskar Parkin, Alexander Power, Abraham Rey, Michael Turner and Paulenne Wilkins.

Chaplaincy News



Many congratulations to all the pupils who will be confirmed by Bishop Richard by the end of July. 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 Friday, 16th June with Bishop Richard, Fr Stephen and Deacon Ian presiding over the Masses. We were also delighted to have a visit from seminarian, Tom Kent, who will be joining the Parish of the Good Shepherd in St Leonard's from September for a year's placement. We hope to see more of him in school next year to speak about his vocation to the Priesthood.

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. My thanks as always to our Clergy who assisted and to Bishop Richard for celebrating the Mass.

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. We were delighted to welcome an old friend of St Richard's, Fr John Dixon, to celebrate both Masses. Our incoming Year 6 pupils were able to join Year 7 for the first Mass. This gave them a taster of what liturgy is like in St Richard's and the current Year 7 really showed them how to join in the singing of the hymns with great enthusiasm. As always, the pupils participated fully in reading and dance, and created a wonderful atmosphere of celebration. My thanks to Mrs Byrne and Mrs Knight for the music and dance.



Leavers' Service for Year 11: It was my privilege to co-ordinate the final leavers' service for our Year 11 pupils. They have worked so hard this year and I'm sure their results will reflect this in August. My sincere thanks to Head Boy, Ethan Macdonald, and Head Girl, Serena Coyle, who gave of their time so often to support Chaplaincy activities in what was a busy year for them. I would also like to thank the Senior team, Prefects and the Year 11 Liturgy Reps, for all your support. I wish Year 11 all the best in the future and remind them that we, at St Richard's, will continue to pray for them and our door is always open to them if they ever need it.

End of Year Mass - 20th July: This year, our End of Year Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, 20th July. 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. In particular thank you to Miss Wood who assisted me in preparing new resources for form services this year. This year we said goodbye to Fr Davis Parmiter and Fr Stephen Hardaker and we wish them well in the future and hope they will come back to see us soon. 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 Year 7's



Frieya Biju Ampalathattil, Rosemary Davis and Aleena Aju and Year 10's Chris Varghese and Alphy Sajju who have read and served on a regular basis.

Good Shepherd Service: A number of Year 7 and 8 Liturgy Reps attended the Good Shepherd Service with Bishop Richard which this year was celebrated in Worth Abbey. Hannah Chan and Alicia Smith carried our banner in the procession and Rosemary Davis and Michael O'Brien collected our gift from Bishop Richard. This year we received a picture with the Beatitudes for modern Catholics as written by Pope Francis. This was the theme of this year's service which spoke about being active Catholics and putting our faith into action.



Representatives from many other Catholic schools in the Diocese were also present which made for a lively and enjoyable event. The service ended with a picnic lunch on the grounds of Worth Abbey along with all the other Catholic primary and secondary schools and our banners created a wonderfully colourful procession. As this was the first time visiting Worth Abbey for most of our pupils we returned to the Abbey Church for a look around. We visited the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and said a prayer for all St Richard's pupils and their families. My thanks to Mrs Kelly for accompanying us and driving the minibus.

Rome Trip 2018: I am delighted to confirm the Rome trip planned for February half term will now take place. All pupils have now received their confirmation letters and I look forward to showing them the historic city of Rome. Hopefully we will get to attend the weekly audience with Pope Francis this time around!

Fairtrade: Again this year, the Fairtrade stall was opened for the Summer Fayre. We ran a raffle for 2 prizes, a large and small hamper of Fairtrade goodies. Thank you to all who contributed. Alongside this, Dr Littlejohns assisted me with a game. This proved popular with lots of Fairtrade chocolate as prizes. My thanks to Dr Littlejohns and members of Interact club and Fairtrade Champions who assisted with the stall.



Lourdes Trip 2018: I am delighted to announce we will be running our HCPT Lourdes trip next year after an unavoidable break from it this year. Miss Wood has kindly stepped up as 715's Group Leader for the trip and I will continue as Deputy Group Leader. This is open to those pupils who will be in Year 11 from September 2017. Further details can be found in Miss Wood's article in this newsletter.

Liturgy Reps: In our final meeting of the year for the Liturgy Reps, names have been put forward for the Roles of Captain and Deputies. This year we will have 2 deputies, one from Year 11 and one from Year 10 as this will allow the Year 11's time off duties when exam season starts. This year's nominees are Chris Varghese, Katie Nash and Dominic Sharp. They will be commissioned in their roles at the end of year Mass and I look forward to working with them. Well done everyone, and thank you!

As we approach the final weeks of term may I take this opportunity to thank all those who supported Chaplaincy this year. It's been a busy year with numerous liturgies and many other events. As always these run ever more smoothly thanks to the sterling efforts of Mrs Byrne and Mr Roadnight 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, in spite of their busy schedules.

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

Jo Doyle

Miss Jo Doyle - Lay Chaplain (missdoylej@strichardsc.com) Tel: 01424 731070 Ext. 126

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). One lesson has been taught experientially by the classroom being set out as a Gurdwara.



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 had some experiential lessons where their classroom had a Hindu shrine. Some Year 8 pupils went to visit the Hindu Temple in Crawley on 6th July. During their visit they saw the main prayer hall; got to experience the arti worship and were informed about the Hindu faith. They also learnt about the different gods and goddesses in Hinduism. At the end they even got to do some yoga. During their RE lessons they shared their learning with the rest of the class.



Year 9 have learnt about the Islamic religion. They have learnt about Muhammad (founder of Islam), the Qur'an (Muslim holy book) and how Muslims worship in a mosque (Muslim 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. Some pupils in Year 9 went to visit the mosque in Hastings on 10th July. During their visit they were able to look around the mosque, were told about the Islamic faith and got to ask questions. They got to see where Muslims perform wudu and



tried some dates. This is the food Muslims break their fast with in the month of Ramadan. In their next RE class, they shared their learning with the rest of the class.

Year 10 are continuing with their GCSE course. They are currently on topic 5 out of 8. They are learning about the different forms and sources of authority in the Catholic Church. They have learnt about the Magisterium, the Second Vatican Council and the Bible. On 22nd June the RE department hosted a Summer Conference. All Catholic Secondary schools in the Diocese were invited and several local secondary schools. The theme of the day was "The God of Classical Theism is an incoherent concept." The day started with a keynote speech from a Holocaust survivor Dorit Wolff. She spoke of her experiences during the Holocaust and how she went from "yellow star to a pop star." You can find more about Dorit on her website www.doritliverwolff.com After her speech pupils were involved in several workshops looking at different aspects to argue the motion. They included freewill, faith response, darkness into light, protest atheism, Satan and the logical argument. The day ended with a debate chaired by Mr Calladine-Evans.



One Year 10 pupil said, "Last week I was given the great opportunity to be a pupil leader at the RE conference. I enjoyed working with other pupils from different schools. My favourite part was the debate at the end of the day where we got to argue different viewpoints and opinions on God. I also feel honoured to have spoken to Dorit. I was even able to speak a little Turkish with her. Dorit is an inspiring, funny and interesting lady and I very much enjoyed listening to her speak." Emily Balaban 10H



At the end of this term the RE department say goodbye to Mr Byrne. He has been a fantastic leader and member of the team and will be greatly missed. We wish him every success in his new and exciting role as Head Teacher of Chatsmore. Good Luck, Mr Byrne!

Mrs Mead, Acting Subject Leader – RE

SPONSORED SWIM



The 8R and 8H joint sponsored swim in support of the Royal Marsden Cancer Charity was in tribute to Sophie Taylor. Fourteen Year 8 pupils managed to swim collectively an impressive 23km.

We congratulate their generosity of spirit in giving up their time on a Saturday afternoon. To quote one of the swimmers, "That was great fun and I feel really good to have done something worthwhile today." Well done everyone and special thanks to Miss Kelly Govan, Mrs Trina Govan, Lexie and Jade Coleman for agreeing to be lifeguards and support this event.

Name of Swimmer	Number of Lengths (x 25m)	Distance (metres)
Alicia Smith	100	2,500
Alex Heggie	102	2,550
Bil Shay	118	2,950
Carys Munro	46	1,150
David Munro	82	2,050
Emma Roper	48	1,200
Erika Body	50	1,250
Genevieve Grant	92	2,300
Michael Moniz	36	900m
Millie Ardley	60	1,500
Phoebe Macaranas	66	1,650
Rocco Forte	40	1,000
William Harvey	42	1,050
Zak Prawanna	51	1,275

Ethical Eden 2017

The Ethical Eden trip 2017 was quite possibly the best yet. The journey down to the West country was bright and we arrived in time to help out with moving the cows around to a new pasture and checking the new beaver area was ready for the imminent arrival of a new pair of beavers. Chris Jones, the farmer and our host and friend, brought us up to speed with the real live science project and we were able to name some new baby calves. Woodland Valley is converting from an organic beef farm to an organic dairy farm and so we were also able to check out the brand new milking facilities. By the time we visit next year, Justin (the beaver) and his partner will have hopefully started their series of dams, which will retain the river water in the meadow in the event of a sudden deluge of rainwater down the valley. This geoengineering project will hopefully prevent the flooding of the local village downstream. Chris and the ecology and biodiversity team from the University of Exeter have been collecting preliminary data from Woodland Valley for two years and were waiting for the beavers to arrive within the week – very exciting!



The next day began with yawning, yoga and a yummy yoghurt breakfast and then we were all keen to meet up with Hammy and 'Footsteps of Discovery' new chap, 'Thor', who led the fire-lighting and survival skills training and camp-craft in the woods. There was tree-climbing a plenty. Issy impressed us all with her deft handling of her very own flint and steel kit and was crowned champion firelighter in record time with everyone tucking into the pizza reward! Team competitions of quick release lashing (always useful in a survival situation) kept everyone on their toes – and the girls won again! - and then it was off to the Eden Project itself.

The reintroduction of beavers to the South West has been celebrated nationally too with a BBC report published the day after we left to return home.

“The Eden project was a great experience. I have gained lots of new knowledge about exotic plants. My favourite parts of the trip were, going to the Eden Project, going into the sea and the delicious food cooked for us at the farm. I thoroughly enjoyed this trip and recommend it to other pupils.”
Rose Lipsham, 7R

The Eden Project was as inspiring as always with the only slight disappointment being the plant-based, non-dairy ‘ice cream’. From here we visited Charlestown harbour which has been much gentrified since its recent backdrop role for the BBC’s ‘Poldark’ television series. Here we found the best ice-cream shop in the South West (as recommended by Mr Byrne) and with the tide out for once, we excitedly explored the rocks and caves along the shoreline before returning to the farm for a sumptuous barbeque, fireside philosophy and a good night’s sleep. The following day saw an equally enthusiastic exploration of the north Cornwall coast as we visited Tintagel after the adventure activity in the morning. The morning activities included surfing and kayaking followed by chips and hot chocolate. The ruins of Tintagel castle, high on a rocky outcrop and immediately above the sheltered cove featuring Merlin’s Cave, gave astounding views. *“I loved the trip. It is my fourth year of going: I had done most of the activities before but I still had an amazing time and would love to go again!”* Louis Lipsham, 10U



StAR Club

StAR Club are missing their mentor and Full Licence holder, as Mr Parkman has unfortunately been in hospital and will require a summer of recovery before we can regroup in the new academic year. Although this meant that our planned broadcast from STEMfest had to take a rain-check, the club has been practising soldering skills in preparation for making blinking Christmas trees in the Autumn Term. We wish Mr Parkman the speediest of recoveries!

Oxford Overnighter, 2017

The Bodleian Library, Harry Potter venues and the tsantsas (shrunk heads) of the Pitt Rivers Museum were the main attractions of this year’s Oxford Overnighter – these and the wonderful accommodation at Eynsham Hall made a wonderful trip (see full report elsewhere in the newsletter).



STEMFest 2017: Big Bang South East

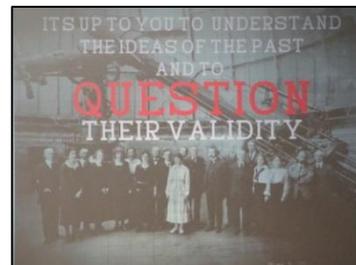
St Richard’s pupils returned to the South East’s largest gathering of fun STEM activities and immediately set the fastest time for the bridge building challenge. Six Science Storytellers shared their ‘Space Race’ stories with a few of the 9,000 children present and some adults too. Jane Dickson, Schools Projects Manager of Artswork, sent a message after the day, passing on *‘congratulations to everyone on such a great job!’* Elsewhere pupils joined in with the History of the Science Universe in rock music and Alicia met up with an ancient philosopher for some Socratic questioning.





STEAM Space Stories: The Space Race

The Science Storytellers have been practising their storytelling skills with Year 7 pupils in preparation for their stall at STEMfest. Twenty pupils from Mr Stickland's maths class gave the storytellers honest feedback about their skills and rated their performances out of 10 (all marked them at 70% or above!) learning stealth STEM science along the way!



After a final presentation workshop with Kevin, the pupils shared their story in a presentation to parents and a small select audience both young and old. The pupils did really well with their presentations and have now completed a British Science Association Bronze CREST Award and an ArtsAward Bronze badge for their efforts.

Race for the Line: Bloodhound Rocket Car Challenge

Maths and Science have completed training, so securing Bloodhound SSC: Race for the Line Competition entry in season 3 for all of next year's Year 7 pupils.

Cacophony of Colour STEAM Award

Twenty Year 7 pupils have opted to explore their creative side in a joint Science & Art project linked to a loose theme of 'Colour'. This is an alternative to the Pirate Project and has seen pupils explore colour with flame tests, crystal garden growing, rainbows and using Photoshop. Pupils have also explored platonic solids in geometry and made their own icosahedra (20 sided shapes).



National School's Observatory: Image of the Month - April 2017

Congratulations to Year 9 pupil, Christian Whiteley, who took this image for his GCSE Astronomy Controlled Assessment task.

Image of the Month - April 2017

Date: Wednesday, April 19 2017 - 01:27

Telescope: Liverpool Telescope

Observer: St Richard's Catholic College

The Image of the Month for April 2017 is one of our favourite galaxies, Messier 88 (M88), or NGC4501. This is a spiral galaxy which lies over 50 million light years from Earth, sitting within a cluster of galaxies known as the Virgo Cluster. This cluster contains around 1,300 different galaxies, of all different shapes and sizes.

M88 is the 10th brightest galaxy in this cluster powered by the hundreds of thousands of stars within it! In the centre of all of those stars lies a supermassive black hole, an object so dense that not even light can escape it. The black hole in the centre of M88 has the same mass as around 80 million Suns packed into a small area!

English Department News

KS4

For Year 10, the summer is a great opportunity to revisit your texts and start rereading them - you will need to have read them in full AT LEAST three times before your exams next year so start early!

Keep learning those keywords - everything you need is on the paddlets and shared on the Google Drive with you. Ask if you can't access anything.

Have a lovely summer - watch film versions of your texts if you can and come back refreshed and ready for Year 11 in September.

PE Department News

DANCE

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

Summer Production: The Performing Arts team are nearing the end of rehearsals for the summer production of 'Our House'. Performances will be held on the 12th, 13th and 14th July. By the time the newsletter goes out we will be into the performances. This has involved 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 be opening the Summer Fayre this year. They presented a medley of dance from the year, including two of their competition pieces and the Boys' Dance Company performed for the first time. 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 Paul Holy Day of Obligation this term presenting a new liturgical dance to the psalm 'Song of Ruth'. They were also delighted to perform at the Year 8 service. 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 and Year 7 service.

Steam project: As part of Year 7s Cacophony of Colour Project, twenty pupils attended a workshop with Mrs Knight based on Newton's Theory of Light: a prism splitting white light into a spectrum. The pupils created a dance using prisms and material to represent a rainbow. Cody Dorling-Parkes 7L commented, 'It was really fun taking part. We got to create a dance about science.'



Primary Retreat: Monday, 3rd July saw three of our feeder schools, St Mary Magdalene's, St Mary Star of the Sea and Sacred Heart, arrive for a retreat with the Performing Arts Department and the Lay Chaplain. They attended workshops in Dance, Music and Drama, while exploring the idea of 'Journey'. Pupils got the opportunity to learn a dance to the psalm 'Eagles Wings' before taking part in a service. The Dance Workshop was pupil run by Millie White, Louise Kavanagh and Natalia Szelest. Well done to

them.



Congratulations: Millie Rose, 8R, has recently competed at Ore Festival becoming runner up of the Junior WCA award. Millie came first or second in her eight solos. Talia Knight-Farman's, 8F, performance at Ore resulted in five medals from seven brand new dances and also she won the choreography in her age group. She was also selected for a special award of a bursary - presented by the adjudicator. Well done to both girls.



After two auditions and an interview Noah Burrows, 8H, has successfully been accepted on to Trinity Laban's CAT programme in September. We are all extremely proud of Noah and his achievements, particularly as he only began dancing last September.

This time of year is always tinged with sadness as we have to say goodbye. Firstly, I would like to thank Millie Davey and Emily Surridge who have been part of the Dance Company for the last 5 years. We would like to wish both girls good luck as they move on to College and to Emily who will again be performing in the Pantomime at the White Rock Theatre, Hastings at Christmas.

Secondly, a member of the Performing Arts Team, Mr Roadknight, is also leaving us. He has been an integral part of the team and has inspired so many. He is going to be greatly missed by us all.

I would like to wish you all a happy holiday and thank you to all Dance Company who have worked so hard this year, enjoy the rest!

Mrs Knight, Dance Teacher

PE NEWS

Area 6s Cricket Tournament - Year 7 Runners Up

They won games against St Leonards Academy and Claverham, but lost to Bexhill Academy in the final.

Girls' Area Rounders Tournament

Year 7 – 6th

Year 8 – 5th

Year 9 - 3rd

v Hastings Academy won 3 1/2 - 2 1/2

v Battle Abbey drew 5 1/2 - 5 1/2

v Bexhill Academy won 6 1/2 - 3

v Rye Academy won 6 1/2 - 3

Year 10 - 4th (see photo right)

v St Leonards Academy lost 2-4

v Bexhill Academy won 6-2

v Helenswood lost 5-5.5



Hastings and District School Athletics Town Sports

This event was held at William Parker and 10 schools competed. Once again there was a fantastic performance from all our athletes and we had more athletes attend this year than ever before across the 8 age group categories.

St Richard's won a record number of individual medals and there were also great team results. St Richard's were placed 2nd overall and the girls finished 1st overall.

Year 8 and 10 girls won their age groups

Year 7 and 9 girls were 2nd as were the Year 9 boys.

Sussex Schools Games - County Final

This was held at K2 Crawley and Cottesmore Golf Club. Well done to the KS3 Extreme Golf team who won the event beating teams who had qualified from all around the county. Team members: Fergal Crichton-Coote, George Murphy, Sebastian Rann, Joseph Gaymer, Louis Byrne and Bradley Ayres.



Year 7 Cycling Club

The college received a grant from East Sussex County Council to develop new activities and purchased twelve cycles, helmets and safety jackets. The group have been working on their cycling skills

and fitness on the college field and on the seafront in Bexhill.

Sky Sports for Living mentor Theo Spaulding McIntosh spent a day in college talking about his experiences as a European judo player competing in over 80 countries around the world. He then led three sessions on Sports leadership with our Year 10 BTEC group.



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 (minimum grade 3) 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. Thank you for your co-operation in this.

Art Club

Monday, 10th July marked our final Art Club session after nearly two years. We enjoyed a small party, and looked through some of the many pieces that have been created since Art Club began in 2015. The pupils have also produced artwork for a calendar in the final weeks, which they will receive before the end of term.

It has been an absolute pleasure to run Art Club, and to work with many of the school's budding young artists. I wish you all good luck for the future, and encourage you to continue to be creative!

Mrs McGarvey



Briefing note on new 9-1 GCSE grades

This academic year has been one of significant change for schools with fundamental changes being made to the way GCSEs are assessed and graded.

When do the new 9-1 grades come in?

The new grades are being phased in, starting with some of this summer's exams. More challenging GCSE examinations have been introduced in English and mathematics. The grading for these two subjects has changed, moving from an A*-G scale to a 9-1 scale. Grade 4 is considered a Standard Pass and Grade 5 a strong pass.

Due to these changes it is impossible to know if results in English and mathematics have gone up or down so 2017 is being called a 'Year Zero' as we are not in the position to imply a trend in results this summer.

For most other subjects - including biology, chemistry, physics, computer science, French, Spanish, religious education, geography, music and history - the new grades will be awarded from the summer of 2018.

A third wave of 9-1 graded GCSEs - including psychology, ancient history, business, information and communications technology (ICT) and media studies - will be taught from September 2017 with exams in 2019.

So some teenagers will have a mix of GCSEs under different marking schemes?

Yes, that's right. The current Year 11s will get English and maths results under the new numerical grading scheme and the rest of their options will be graded A*-G.

The current Year 10 students will then sit most of their GCSEs under the new system, but they might have some under the old system, for example if they are taking ancient history or ICT, while those pupils now in Year 9 will be fully "moved over" on to the numerical grading system.

How do the new grades compare to the old ones?

Grades nine, eight and seven are broadly equivalent to an A* and A. Grades six, five and four are in line with B and C grades. A three would be broadly similar to a D grade, with two and one taking in grades E, F and G.

There is still a U (ungraded) mark.

Why are GCSE grades being changed?

The new GCSE grading scheme is part and parcel of a new curriculum which was introduced in England's schools in 2014 by the then Education Secretary Michael Gove.

The new GCSEs courses include much less coursework than before, with grades in almost all subjects depending on exams.

Courses are designed to be more rigorous with exams taken after two years of study, rather than in modules with exams along the way.

Further information on the new grading system can be found on the Department of Education

Website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-gcse-9-to-1-grades-coming-soon>

St Richard's Catholic College PTFA

Post-Summer Social



Friday, 22nd September 2017
7.30–11.30pm
includes buffet

Venue: Manor Barn
Music: The Chandeliers
for parents, friends and staff
Tickets: £15
Bar beverages are extra

St Richard's Catholic College Calendar - Academic Year 2016/2017 (as at July 2017)
Please keep this sheet in a safe place and replace when updates are provided.

Term 5 and 6

Confirmation Mass (Our Lady of Ransom)	Saturday, 15th July
Sports Assemblies	Tuesday, 18th July
Whole School Mass	Thursday, 21st July (am)
Last Day of Term Six for pupils	Thursday, 20th July at 1.15pm
Last Day of Term Six for staff	Friday, 21st July

Last day of Term

Classes will finish at	12.30pm
Lunch will be served from	12.30pm - 1.00pm
Registration	1.00pm - 1.15pm
Dismissal	1.15pm

School closes for pupils at **1.15pm** on **Thursday, 20th 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	1.29 and 1.39pm
HASTINGS TRAIN	1.35 and 1.45pm
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 2017/2018 (as at July 2017)

Start of term for Staff	Monday, 4th September
Start of term for Years 7 and 11	Wednesday, 6th September
Start of term for Years 8, 9 and 10	Thursday, 7th 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

Newsletter Acknowledgement

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

NEWSLETTER

Our newsletter is published online in the penultimate week of each term. **All pupils in a family need to have a signature from a parent/carer to indicate that the newsletter has been noted and hopefully read.** 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 would prefer to continue to receive a paper copy then please email your details to Mrs Klein (mrskleink@strichardsc.com) who will ensure this occurs. Any concerns about the new arrangements should also be emailed to her.**