



St. Richard's Catholic College

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



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Dear Parents / Carers

I would like to welcome you all to a new academic year. I hope it will be a happy, healthy, enriching and successful year for all in our school community. The term has got off to a really positive start with all year groups celebrating Mass and receiving a blessing for the school year ahead.

I would like to welcome the following new staff: Mr Eyre (Maths), Mrs Di Mascio (English), Mrs Fox (Science), Miss Rowland (English), Mrs Tadros (covering Mrs Mead's maternity leave) and Mrs Bayjou (covering Mrs Midghall's convalescence). I hope our new staff will have a happy and successful career in St Richard's. I am pleased to tell you that Mrs Midghall is recovering well from major surgery and is regularly in touch. Mrs Mead has commenced her maternity leave this week, so we wish her well for the safe arrival of her baby. Finally, I would like to welcome our School Direct trainees: Mr Tofiq, Miss Seal, Mr Mitchell, Miss Limpin and Mr Frame. Supported by staff, I am sure they will gain much from their training experience and flourish as teachers.

I am pleased to inform you that our Year 11 of 2016-2017 performed well in their GCSE examinations, with 88% of the year group achieving five or more 4-9 grades in all subjects and 82.5% achieving five or more 4-9 grades including English and maths. AS Level results were excellent (100% A-C grades), with 67% being a grade A. Our new Year 11 performed well in 'Express' RE, with 100% achieving A*-B grades, whilst 89% of Year 9 Astronomers achieved A*-C grades and a selection of linguists achieved 100% A*-A grades. Well done to all the pupils, to the staff for their relentless drive to help each child achieve to his/her potential and finally to you, parents / carers, who support and encourage your children to work hard and achieve their best.

In response to changes in the curriculum and to GCSE examinations, we are holding Curriculum Information Evenings of an hour's duration, to take you through what will be expected of your son / daughter this academic year. Please make it a priority to attend one of these presentations, so you understand how to fully support your son / daughter this academic year.

All pupils will be expected to work hard towards targets set, behave well and participate in the wider life of the school. Employers and Universities are interested in well-rounded individuals and we aspire to provide all pupils with the relevant opportunities and experiences. Please keep the school informed of your son / daughter's participation in activities outside of school, so that we can acknowledge and celebrate their achievements.

During the summer holidays, the cleaning and caretaking staff were busy giving the school a spring clean. Additionally, improvements were made to areas of the school with most of the classrooms in A Block re-carpeted; a redecoration of the library and hall and other cosmetic improvements. LCVAP funding will enable us to begin the first phase of sports development this year with a four-court sports hall planned for the field. A major project, such as this, requires a 10% donation from the Governors' Building Fund, so thank you to those already contributing to this. If you have not already contributed to this fund, can I urge you to do so, in order that our facilities are first class.

There are a number of reminders in this newsletter including the importance of signing the Community Expectations in the Journal. I would also ask you to re-read the Home / School Agreement issued when your child first started at the school, so that we are working in partnership. Please note that the PTFA are organising a Post-Summer Dance on 22nd September at the Manor Barn and it would be lovely to see lots of parents there. Can I also encourage you to attend one of the morning or evening Parental Focus Groups (PFGs) this year: your feedback is invaluable.

Finally, I would like to thank you for the high standard of uniform and appearance of the majority of pupils at the start of this term. I trust you will continue to support your child/children in all areas of school life. I look forward to seeing you during this academic year. Please get in touch if you have any concerns related to your child, his/her progress or school life in general.

Yours sincerely

Miss D Cronin
Principal





MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

The start of a new academic year can be a daunting prospect for those who are new to the college or who take on new roles and responsibilities. I am writing this piece as a 'newbie' - having taken over the role of Chair of Governors from Keith Osborne who has retired following many years of dedicated service to St Richard's.

I am sure I speak for all Governors when I say it is a privilege and an honour for us to be Governors of such a fantastic college. What makes St Richard's so great is not only the dedication and skill of the staff, but also the enthusiasm for learning and the application of the pupils to the curriculum and all aspects of college life - the caring, friendship, support, and engagement in so many worthwhile activities that build up community within the school and the wider area.

So to all pupils and parents (especially new Year 7s), staff and Governors I hope that the coming year, whatever its challenges, is one of happiness, hard work and good health. May God bless us all.

Alison Horan, Chair of Governors

Mission Statement

Comitas, Scientia, Caritas

St Richard's Catholic College is a community where all are welcomed in the spirit of Christian love and respect.

Our school encourages the wonder and joy of learning in order to ensure that every pupil reaches their full potential.

We enable all to flourish and grow together in friendship and in faith.

We aspire to be courageous, having the integrity and the spiritual strength to make a positive difference in the world, both now and in the future.

We endeavour to cherish our school motto of Community, knowledge and Charity.

'I have come so that all may have life, and have it to the full.' (John 10:10)

We will endeavour to put our Mission Statement at the heart of all we do as a community this academic year.



YEAR SEVEN NEWS



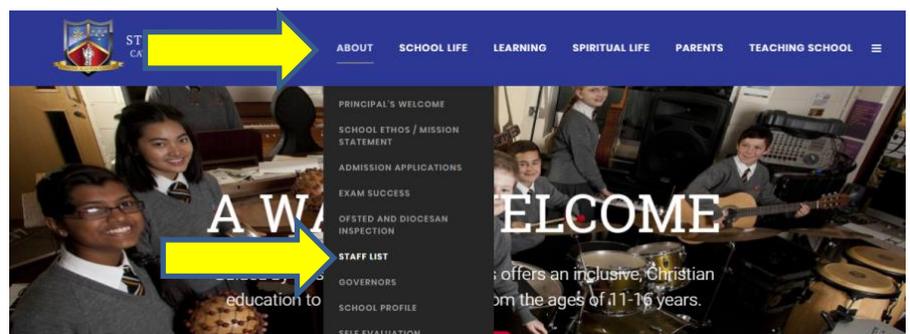
Welcome all new families to St Richard's and in particular to the families of Year 7. I hope everyone has had a lovely holiday and are fully ready for the challenges and opportunities of life at St Richard's.

The first few days have been very busy, but I am delighted with the way Year 7 are settling in. The transition into secondary school life can be hectic for both pupils and families, so please always remember that the Form Tutors and I are happy to take your call to answer or support you in any way we can.

Within my section of the newsletter, I try to draw attention to items that will be pertinent to families of Year 7 and also to share pupil successes. It therefore gives me great pleasure to start this year with a big congratulations to **Abi Dolding** on achieving a place in the under-12 FA Regional Talent Club squad for 2017- 18. Well done!

Possibly the biggest change (for parents) when your child joins secondary school is getting used to not being at the gate and feeling that you do not know who to contact if you need help. This is really easy to resolve. Staff can be contacted either by telephone, email or by making an appointment to see them in person.

You can find each member of staff's email address on our website. The email addresses are located under the 'about' section and in the 'staff list' section.



Throughout Year 7, you will have plenty of opportunities to check on your child's progress. In Year 7 we have two parent Consultation Evenings and two formal reports. In between these, we have Profile Reports, which will outline pupil progress.

Dates for the diary can be found at the back of this newsletter. However, I would like to draw your attention to two events that are aimed solely at parents of Year 7. The first is a drop-in coffee morning on **Thursday, 28th September 8:45- 10:30.** This morning is for any parent who would like to discuss any aspect of how their child is settling-in and everyone is invited to attend. The second event is our Year 7 Induction Mass on **Thursday, 19th October 7:00pm.** This Mass is a special blessing for our Year 7s and their families as they start their journey in St Richard's. More details on the Mass will be given to your child closer to the time but, for now, please save the date.

The biggest change for the pupils will almost certainly be homework. Homework will be set daily and each child will have between 2- 3 homeworks each night. Homework is designed to develop independent learning skills, build on prior knowledge or prepare for lessons. Homework is set on **www.showmyhomework.co.uk** and each pupil will have a username and password. Parents also have access to their child's account and details should have already been sent to you. If you have any issues please contact Mr Hollingsworth (IT Services Manager) at mrhollingsworthm@strichardscc.com or via our telephone switchboard. As mentioned at the New Intake Evening in June, we will be staggering the amount of homework set across the first term, until it builds to around an hour or one and a half hours each evening.

I would also like to highlight a few areas of housekeeping to support your child at St Richard's:

- Please can you make sure that your child has his/her name on belongings and that he/she takes responsibility for them. It is extremely difficult to locate uniform that has no name on it.
- A reminder that pupils who catch public transport must make sure they arrive at their bus stop or train platform in plenty of time. On arrival at Bexhill they must make their way directly to school and **not go to the sweet shop.**
- I would also like to emphasise that pupils do not have to carry their entire week's books in their bag every day. The pupils have lockers to store their equipment and their journals show their timetable for the day. **A helpful hint is to make a copy of the timetable and stick it on the fridge.**
- Mobile phones are only permitted at St Richard's at Miss Cronin's discretion and for exceptional circumstances. You must write to Miss Cronin directly outlining the exceptional circumstances and you will be notified of her decision.

I will soon be providing a complete club list for Year 7 so that you are aware of the wide variety of extra-curricular activities on offer. St Richard's is much more than just the classroom learning and I would urge you to encourage your child to join a club!

Finally, Year 7 will be focussing on the following topics in PSHEe in Term One: Building positive relationships (Friendship); Using time effectively (Class & Homework); Peer Pressure (Strategies to resist bad influences and risky behaviour); Road safety (A theatre group called 'Streetwise' will lead us here); How do I see myself (Self- esteem), and preparation for the Induction Mass (Spiritual life).

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

YEAR EIGHT NEWS



Welcome back to our Year 8 pupils. I hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing Summer holiday.

I am looking forward to a happy, challenging and successful year for us all and I am anticipating that the Year Group will be fully involved in the life of our college.

I am expecting to see Year 8's display an attitude of maturity and responsibility for their learning and a commitment to extra-curricular activities.

Throughout Year 8, pupils will continue to collect credits and will be rewarded both as forms and individuals. A Form Cup will be awarded termly to the winners of the 'Be the Best You Can Be' programme, which focuses on the Olympic values of: friendship, equality, courage, inspiration, excellence, respect and determination.

I look forward to seeing each form's charity fundraising events and I thank you in advance for your support with fundraising in all its formats throughout the coming year.

PSHEe: the programme of work starts by considering 50 things a teenager should do before they are 20 years old. The content intends to open their eyes and broaden their mind in preparation for adulthood and increased independence, in years to come. Following on, Year 8 pupils will work through units considering emotional well-being. Topics include: motivation, self-esteem, body image and stress.

I wish you all the very best for a wonderful year.

Miss Easton, Pastoral Leader Year 8 (misseastonk@strichardscc.com)

YEAR NINE NEWS



I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all Year 9 pupils back to St Richard's Catholic College and to also welcome the four new Year 9 pupils who join 9H and Miss Auzinger this term.

I am delighted to move up to Year 9 with the same pupils and will be with them every step of the way through their journey towards the end of KS3. Many challenges and choices lay ahead before the transition to KS4 and exam syllabuses proper. I know it will be a tough year for many pupils in several different ways but I also know that it will be a rewarding one in which pupils will begin to put themselves in a position for great success.

Speaking of great success, this sounds like a good time to celebrate the GCSE accomplishments of 4 of our Year 9 pupils. At the end of Year 8, Alona Bondareva, Daniella Papukasvili and Maria Isaeva sat the GCSE Russian exams and William Holland the GCSE Italian exams. I am delighted to say that all 4 pupils achieved an A* in their respective language: an incredible achievement.



I have been impressed with the pupils' return to school and I am pleased to report high standards of uniform and conduct from the onset. We have made some modifications to school systems to ensure that the learning environment is optimum. It is vital that our pupils maintain the high standards of uniform and preparation for lessons and thank you for your support with this.

I was very impressed with the fundraising efforts as a year group in Year 8 and I am looking forward to seeing the different form's charity fundraising events this year. Mrs Scott has suggested that the tutors in Year 9 should lead the way...I can almost smell the baking! I thank you in advance for your support with fundraising in all its formats throughout the coming year. I continue to have great admiration for the generosity and extraordinary fundraising which takes place at St Richard's.

PSHEe

The programme of work starts by exploring relationships this term. A topic that is crucial in aiding our pupils develop a mature and informed understanding of themselves, each other and how to interact together.

As you will already be aware, Year 9 are blessed with a rich and experienced group of tutors who will continue to do a fantastic job in supporting your children. Please do make contact with the tutors directly with information or concerns. Email addresses are available on the school website at www.strichardscc.com then clicking 'About' and then 'Staff list'. If you right click the 'envelope' icon you will be able to copy the email address to your preferred application.

I am looking forward to working in partnership with you to ensure your child has a fantastic Year 9. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any point if I can be of help.

Mr Carradine, Pastoral Leader Year 9 mrcarradinee@strichardscc.com



Online Payment System

Parents and carers wishing to make online payments for uniform, school equipment and trips via a link on the school website can do so with an online link code provided on request from finance@strichardscc.com. Payments are processed securely through Worldpay. Sibling accounts may be linked to view account details and make payments using one account and multiple online payment accounts can be linked to the same pupil (for example, in the case of separated parents). Please note payments for meals are made via a separate account through ParentPay

YEAR TEN NEWS



I would like to begin the year by wishing both parents and pupils a warm welcome to Year 10. I hope you and your families have had a good summer break and the pupils are relishing the challenges of the Upper School, beginning the layering of solid foundations to ensure GCSE success.

It is with great excitement that I begin the year, knowing that I have a fantastic group of young people to guide throughout the initial stages of their GCSE courses. The pupils have returned in good spirits following the summer break and I look forward to seeing this enthusiastic, mature start continue throughout Year 10.

PSHEe

We will concentrate this term and next on relationships, using the resource the 'Baby Borrowers' from the BBC. Work will also be completed on anti-homophobia and hate language as well as controlling and abusive relationships. As part of this programme, external speakers will come in to deliver considered and supportive workshops to our pupils. This will include Penny Beale, who lost her own daughter to domestic violence. You can find out more about the work Penny does on her website: <http://www.pennybealememorialfund.org>.



We will continue to run the SAS programme which Year 10 pupils will be invited to join. This is a programme that works with young people on the subject of intimate relationships, with a focus on self-esteem and being in control of your own choices and decisions.

Year 10 will also be having a retreat in October which will concentrate on 'Dignity of Self' and 'Called to Be.' If there is any aspect of the unit on relationships you would like your son/daughter to be withdrawn from or if you would like further information about the course on relationships, please ring me to discuss.

Now that your son/daughter is in Year 10, it is more important than ever to keep a track of their progress and work completed at home. Please look through your son/daughter's books regularly,

discuss deadlines concerning homework assignments and controlled assessments and ensure that adequate work is being completed outside of school time. Homework in Year 10 should be around two hours per evening and there should never be an occasion when you are told no homework is set. Homework is essential in supporting the learning within school and this year, it is crucial that it is being completed in depth and on time.

We have a variety of support services for your son/daughter should they need extra help during Year 10. These range from one -to-one mentoring for academic support, to health and counselling support, should it be required. Your son or daughter can self-refer to these support services through their tutor or myself, as Pastoral Leader.

Fundraising/social events

I am looking forward to the Year 10s being fully involved in college life and we will organise several new charity and social events during the course of the academic year.

This year, I look forward to, once again, seeing all the different forms' innovative and lucrative charity fundraising events, which are an essential part of school life. I thank you in advance for your support with fundraising in all its formats throughout the coming year.

Full engagement in all aspects of school life leads to a well-rounded individual and I hope that all pupils take on responsibility to put their faith into action by serving others in need. I continue to have great admiration for the generosity and extraordinary fundraising which takes place at St Richard's.

Intervention Support

Any pupil who struggles to keep up with homework/deadlines/controlled assessments will be expected to remain behind after school to attend intervention sessions provided by staff with the aim of supporting them to get back on track. This proved to be extremely successful last year. Parents/Carers will be informed of days/times of the sessions if we feel your child would benefit from this support.

Please do not hesitate to get in contact with me at the college should you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's learning, progress or well-being. I look forward to working with you in partnership to ensure that this crucial year of your child's education is as successful and happy as possible.

With my best wishes for the academic year ahead.

Mr Campbell, Pastoral Leader Year 10 (mrcampbellj@strichardsc.com)

YEAR ELEVEN NEWS



Firstly, I would like to say welcome back to Year 11 and how pleased I am to be the Pastoral Leader of the year group again.

Congratulations to all of those pupils who made Prefect status at the end of term. On Wednesday, 20th September there is Prefect training in the hall after school.

As of the first day of term, Year 11 begin completing their UCAS applications online. This is an intensive and invaluable way for them to not only get their statements and applications ready for sixth form, but to set the groundwork for Higher Education. These need to be completed before Christmas.

This is a vital year and this is when pupils and parents sometimes feel under pressure. To try to alleviate this pressure and exam anxiety, we have organised the following event:

A revision strategies session for pupils with an external consultant: Wednesday 18th October 2017 (held during the school day).

On the same evening, at 6.00pm, there will be a revision strategies event for parents with an opportunity to discuss the UCAS application.

Year 11 Senior Leadership team for the Academic Year 2017-2018

Congratulations to the following pupils on being elected to the Year 11 Senior Leadership team:

Head Boy:	Jack Eaton	Head Girl:	Maisie Edwards
Deputy Head Boys:	Panashe Makwiramiti Ben Stotesbury-Byrne	Deputy Head Girls:	Angel Joy Primrose Munro
Senior Prefects:	Gilson Chakanetsa, Alexander Field, James Knight, Louis Lipsham, Sean Murray, Joseph Nelson, Ethan O'Hara-Harris, Joshua Turner, Chris Varghese, Emily Balaban, Amina Bastante Pain, Kasey Cosens, Poppy Derhun, Lucinda Hamilton-Burns, Martha Hellett, Lara Lippin, Honey Madrideo, Ma Shaina Mallorca, Stephanie Puri, Lucy Sparkes, Emily Wheeler		

We also congratulate all those pupils selected as Prefects:

Alfie Angella, Archie Ansell, Hannah Austin, Megan Bassett, Elvita Blinova, Mia-Bella Bonett, Ileana Buagas, Ruby Buck, Isobel Corbin, Georgina Coulter, Zak Davis, Sophie Dell, Aliyah Dialino, Mia Elliott, Scott Emson, Abbie Fairhurst, Annabel Field, Carlo Friedlander, Oliver Glynn, Khushi Gupta, Tilly Harrison, Helena Hudson, Kirsten-Andrea Ilagan, Chloe Jenkins, Hannah Jones, Anisha Kamboj, Christian Layberry, Alexandra Lee, Rachael McCarthy, Emily McFagan, Katie Nash, Raymond Okoliko, Alexander Power, Callum Ralph, Alina Reji, Amy Robinson, Mikaela Rodriguez, Simna Sabu, Jill Sarmiento Julio, Benedict Satow, Tobias Sayers, Christian Scott-Mcwall, Jetwin Stephen, Harry Wenham, Olivia White, Chiara Wilding De Miranda, Chloe Wilkinson and Eleanor Zillwood

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

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

Parents, Teachers & Friends Association NEWS

PTFA Welcome Meeting & AGM

To say a thank you to our existing PTFA and also to welcome any new members, we would like to invite you for drinks and nibbles on

MONDAY, 25TH September at 7pm in the staff room

We will have a short meeting with refreshments included. No one will be pushed into anything, just having a bit of support will be good.

Pastoral Care

Our Pastoral Leaders set out to create a year identity, foster team spirit and alongside your child's Personal Tutor nurture each child's academic ability and potential. They also have a key role in working in partnership with you to strengthen character and encourage the development of the whole person through leadership, extra-curricular and team building opportunities. Never hesitate to contact your child's Personal Tutor or Pastoral Leader with any worries or concerns, however small these may appear to you. We want to work in partnership for the good of your child.

All emails are accessible from the website and you can, of course, ring in to speak to a member of staff. Please just be aware that because of teaching commitments appointments need to be made in advance of visits to the school. We will always return your call or reply to your email within 24 hours. If there is an urgent matter someone will get back to you immediately.

Please encourage your child to be fully involved in the life of the school this year. All pupils should be accessing at least one form of enrichment opportunity outside of the classroom, the choice is varied and plentiful. There will be many leadership opportunities available this year, from the many pupil forum representatives to a wide range of planning for fund-raising activities.

Support Services available to your child

We recognise that some young people may need more tailored help to guide them through a particular problem or time in their lives. When this happens we have a range of professionals who come into school to offer this support: Counsellor, School Nurse service, Behaviour & Attendance officer and Substance Misuse service.

We also have many in-house support workshops from anger management to social use of language groups. We have an excellent bereavement support group run by trained members of staff called 'Spectrum.'

If you would like further details about any of these support services please feel free to contact either myself or your son/daughter's Pastoral Leader or Personal Tutor.

Helping you to support your child's learning

We have a number of parent information evenings this year that will set out to show how you can actively support your child at this particular stage in their school life. This term we have:

Wednesday, 20th September 6.30-7.30pm Year 8&9 'Ensuring Success at Key Stage 3.'

Wednesday, 18th October 6pm Year 11 'How to help your child through their exams – revision strategies and support ideas' led by Educational Consultant, Michele Miller.

Our expectation is that a parent/carer attends the evening relevant for their child. We do understand that things beyond your control get in the way of attendance and therefore another family relative is warmly welcome to come along and feed back the information.

Journals

At the pupils request, we continue to use journals as diaries (for recording key events) in partnership with Show My Homework (our online homework tracker). In KS3 journals you will find your child's reading log which will be monitored by the English department. Please feel free to write any notes to staff in the journal, monitor carefully the relevant rewards points your child is collecting and sign the journal weekly.

Close Supervision: New School Policy

Any pupil receiving Close Supervision will be required to stay in school until 5pm that day. Parents/carers are then to pick them up from school and complete an exit interview with the Pastoral Leader so we can be assured the behaviour that warranted such a serious sanction is not repeated. The school is open until 6pm and Miss Cronin or I are happy to supervise a pupil until 6.00pm if it is difficult for a parent/carer to get out of work for 5pm.

SENDING EMAILS TO STAFF

Our email system provides a quick way of notifying staff of concerns related to your son or daughter and the majority of parents/carers use this form of communication effectively.

Unfortunately, on occasion last year, a number of staff received aggressive / abusive emails which were often caused by miscommunication by children to their parents.

Staff have been asked not to reply to any email that causes offence and to refer the issue to a Senior Manager. I am sure you can appreciate the reasons for this and I thank you for your consideration.

Miss D Cronin, Principal

SANCTIONS 2017-2018

OFFENCE	SANCTION
<i>Dyeing of hair Inappropriate hairstyle</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hair back to normal asap. ▪ Pastoral Leader to decide if pupil needs to be withdrawn from lessons or sent home or to barbers/hairdressers. ▪ Community Service until hairstyle/colour is acceptable.
<i>Gum</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Community Service x 3 days
<i>Hair styling products</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Remove hair styling products. ▪ 1 day Community Service. ▪ Persistent - Pastoral Detention.
<i>Incorrect Shoes/Trainers</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 day Community Service if no letter from parent/carer. ▪ Hire of school shoes for day (50p donation to charity).
<i>Appearance, e.g. top button/skirt rolled up/Make- up/Nail polish.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 day Community Service. Fine given if using make-up wipe or nail polish remover (20p donation to charity). ▪ Persistent - Pastoral Detention or five days Community Service.
<i>Lack of equipment</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ General (pen, purple pen etc.) - 1 day community service. ▪ Subject specific (e.g. calculator, PE kit) - sanction by member of staff.
<i>Jewellery</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Confiscate for a fortnight. Pass to Pastoral Leader in a labelled, dated envelope. Up to pupil to collect.
<i>Late for school</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Community Service – number of days given will be in relation to time missed. ▪ Persistent - Pastoral Leader to issue after-school detention and put on punctuality report.
<i>Late to lesson</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Individual member of staff to set a break or lunch time detention.
<i>Truancing from a lesson/lessons</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Make up time after-school and/or Saturday or Inset Day. If individual lesson is missed subject teacher to give sanction; if whole day Pastoral Leader to organise.
<i>Using the wrong toilets outside of lesson time.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Community Service x 3 days
<i>Disrupting learning of others or showing disrespect.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Detention given by member of staff. If in a cover lesson, Cover Supervisor to notify Subject Leader who will set detention and supervise. Phone call home to discuss.
<i>Mobile Phones/iPods</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Confiscate and parent/carer has to collect. 4 days Community Service. ▪ If phone used on site - Pastoral Detention.
<i>Swearing</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ At a member of staff – fixed term exclusion. ▪ At a fellow pupil – close supervision. ▪ Any other use of a swear-word - 5 days Community Service.
<i>Cigarettes/lighter/ e-cigarettes</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In possession - isolation at break and lunch time x 5, 5.00pm detention x 2. ▪ Smoking - isolation at break and lunch time x 5, 5.00pm detention x 5 and Saturday detention.
<i>Illegal substances</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fixed term exclusion. ▪ Distribution – permanent exclusion.
<i>Aggression:</i>	
Football/game out of hand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Immediate litter duty or canteen tidy up.
Bundling or wrestling on field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Banned from field for five school days.
More sinister, e.g. fighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2 days Close Supervision.
Injury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Exclusion.
Towards a member of staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Exclusion.

Please note our updated sanction list and find time to go through this with your son/daughter. In addition, please read through the Community Expectations in the journal with your child and sign in the relevant space. It is of utmost importance that behaviour is outstanding at all times, giving every child the opportunity to learn in a happy and positive environment in which their teacher's attention is never taken away from the learning by having to deal with low level behaviours such as lack of homework, missing equipment etc.

Detention: New School Policy

If your son/daughter receives a detention for a missing homework or misdemeanour it is essential that you support us in ensuring they attend on the night it is set. Teachers are putting on a large variety of clubs and intervention/support sessions and it is very unfair if these have to be cancelled due to parents requesting a change of detention date. From this academic year, we have agreed that any child who is not able to attend a detention on a particular night due to an outside commitment will need to attend it on Saturday morning. The only exceptions will be for medical appointments or genuine emergencies. It is essential that one child's behaviour does not impact on the opportunities available for all. The simple way to avoid a detention is for pupils to behave well and hand homework in on time. Thank you for your support with the new sanction system and for the vast majority of children who always come to school making their families proud. This is just to maintain the highest possible levels of good behaviour from all.

Mrs Bligh, Vice-Principal (mrsblighd@strichardscc.com)

HOME-SCHOOL AGREEMENT

1. **The College undertakes to:**
 - Provide a professionally sound education in the context of worship, teaching and morality of the Catholic Church.
 - Promote the moral, social, spiritual and physical development of the pupils in our care.
 - Ensure that at each Key Stage pupils are offered a curriculum, which is broad, balanced, challenging and in accordance with National Curriculum requirements.
 - Provide an ordered, disciplined and secure environment in which learning can take place and all pupils can flourish, in an atmosphere of mutual trust and respect.
 - Ensure that appropriate work is given in class and for homework, with due regard for each pupil's ability and Special Educational Needs.
 - Ensure that work is assessed, challenging targets are set, and pupils' progress is monitored on a regular basis.
 - Give clear guidance in respect of Options and other choices, including Career guidance.
 - Communicate regularly with parent/carers to keep them informed about their child's progress, school events and other matters pertaining to the life of the college.
2. **As Parent(s)/Carer(s), I/we undertake to:**
 - Support the Catholic ethos of the college.
 - Support the college, at all times, in its efforts to maintain high standards of achievement, uniform, discipline, attendance and punctuality.
 - Provide an environment conducive to learning at home.
 - Oversee homework and sign journals regularly.
 - Make the college aware of any concerns or circumstances affecting my/our child's progress, well-being, or the well-being of other pupils.
 - Avail of opportunities, such as Parents' / Carers' Consultation Evenings and Curriculum Evenings, to discuss my/our child's progress.
 - Encourage my/our child in their educational and social development, including their involvement in extra-curricular activities.
3. **As a Pupil I shall try to:**
 - Contribute at all times in a positive way to this Catholic community.
 - Show pride in my school through my appearance, behaviour, kindness to others and commitment to work.
 - Attend college regularly and on time, with all the equipment I need each day.
 - Work to the best of my ability, in co-operation with teachers and other staff and pupils.
 - Abide by the rules of the college, both on the premises and travelling between home and college.
 - Show respect at all times for my fellow-pupils and their property and for the college environment.
 - Contribute to and participate in liturgical, fund-raising and extra-curricular activities.

Prep Club/Prep Club Plus

Need somewhere quiet to complete homework? Why not come to **Prep Club** one or two nights a week?
Open 3.15 - 5.00pm, Monday to Thursday in 'C' Block ICT Suite. **Give it a try!**
Supervised by a member of staff.

See what a difference it makes to your evening by completing homework in school rather than at home.
Prep Club Plus takes place in B7 from 3.15-4.15pm and is for pupils with SEN.

The library is also open until 4.30pm Monday to Thursday with computer facilities available as well as plenty of books!

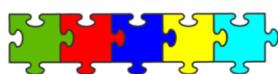
Congratulations to...

Congratulations to Year 10 pupil, Hollie Young, who had a hectic summer, playing for Sussex U15s and U17s, during their ECB County Championship campaigns. On the U17 front they won their league and progressed to the National Finals in Bishop Stortford last week and finished national runners up.

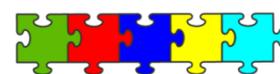
On a club front, Hollie played for Ansty Ladies in the Women's (Southern) Premier League, playing numerous top quality teams and players in the region (Hampshire, Kent, Hertfordshire, Surrey, London). The most surreal point of the summer was Hollie bowling to an all-time great, Charlotte Edwards and mixing with current test players, such as New Zealand bowler Holly Huddlestone ... plus having a good chat with the England manager Mark Robinson on the boundary.



Hollie finished the season having played 37 matches and having taken 43 wickets (25 for Sussex) and scoring 250 runs. Hollie will continue to train with Sussex County Cricket Club this term.



Special Educational Needs



Welcome back to all of our pupils, and welcome to all those joining the college this year. I am looking forward to a successful year for all of our pupils.

The SEN office where myself and Mrs Britt (SEN Administrator: mrsbrittk@strichardscc.com) are based is on the top corridor of 'A' block, next to the Chapel. If you wish to contact me, please use my email address (mrsmithi@strichardscc.com) or telephone the college.

Each Year Group's TA Co-ordinator is your child's most regular point of contact, and will also sit with your child to update their Pupil Passport twice during the school year. Two further TAs, Mr Nuckhir and Mr Saunders, complete our Department.

For your reference, the names and email contacts of our team of SEN Year Co-ordinators can be found below:

Year 7 - Mrs Campbell mrscampbelln@strichardscc.com Year 10 - Mrs Lea-White mrsleawhitek@strichardscc.com

Year 8 - Mrs Hubbard mrs Hubbardc@strichardscc.com Year 11 - Mrs Kelly mrskellym@strichardscc.com

Year 9 - Mrs Park mrs Parkk@strichardscc.com

SEN Clubs

We offer two lunchtime clubs and two after-school homework clubs. Both lunch clubs run daily throughout all of lunch and are a quiet space for pupils to come to and play games, read and chat. Each club is supervised by a TA.

Lunch clubs:

All years: A3

Year 7 only: Learning Intervention Room (LIR), next to the boys' changing rooms.

Our homework clubs are led by Mrs Hubbard (Prep Club) and Mr Nuckhir (Prep Club Plus). These provide a space with computer access where homework can be completed before leaving school for the day. Prep Club Plus is for SEN-registered pupils who would like more support with their homework. There is no need to sign up, and pupils may stay for as long as they need to within the times below:

Homework clubs:

Prep Club: C.ICT, 3:15-5pm daily

Prep Club Plus: B7, 3:15-4:15pm Mon-Thurs

SENCO drop-in: Wednesday, 18th October 2017

The first SENCO drop-in of the year will take place on Wednesday, 18th October from 3.30pm-5.00pm in the Library. This is an informal opportunity to discuss your child and to meet with me and the Teaching Assistant Co-ordinator team. All parents and carers of pupils with SEN, or those entitled to Pupil Premium, are welcome.

I also look forward to seeing all parents and carers at this term's curriculum evenings, where I will be available if you have any queries.

Mr Smith, SENCO and all in the SEN Department

Grandparents' Day – Thursday 12th October 2017

Grandparents Event in School

Following on from our successful Grandparents' Day last year, we would like to invite grandparents of pupils to come into school on Thursday, 12th October for Mass and refreshments in the Library, followed by a tour of the school undertaken by your grandchildren. Times will be confirmed soon. However, please could you let me know if your son/daughter's grandparents intend to come so we can gauge numbers. My contact details are at the end of this news item.

With every blessing for the year ahead.

Jo Doyle

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



Notice for Parents of Pupils Travelling by Train

The trains to and from St Richard's have become more crowded this year and in particular, the Hastings train. The Eastbourne train remains as busy as it has always been.

Miss Cronin receives a number of lovely emails and phone calls about how well behaved and respectful your children are. These emails are from members of the public and Southern staff who are delighted with your children. For example, on 7th September, three boys helped a mother in distress to get her pram and suitcase off the train at Eastbourne station. As I made my journey home two hours later, I was really pleased to hear this from the on-board supervisor and thought I would share it with you.

However, we do receive occasional complaints from members of the public about pupils' behaviour on the train, particularly the crowded morning trains from Hastings and Eastbourne. These are commuter trains and at times, sadly, our pupils have let us down with poor behaviour and ignoring the instructions of Year 11 Prefects. Please discuss this with your child, emphasising the importance of being respectful at all times.

This year, we have a really strong and altruistic cohort of train Prefects on both train lines and I am sure they will help all pupils in need and report all who let the school and yourselves down with their behaviour.

Over the last three years we have introduced a system to ensure pupils are well-behaved, safe and supported by Year 11 pupils. All pupils travelling by train were present in specific assemblies in the first week of term. These assemblies were to set the ground rules and reinforce our expectations for behaviour and safety.

My first point would be to advise your children to get the 7:38am trains from Eastbourne and Hastings to avoid congestion in the morning and avoid being on the later two-carriage Ashford-Brighton trains that tend to be cancelled more than the four-carriage London trains. The school canteen serves food in the morning and there are obviously the playgrounds and designated classrooms available to the pupils for those arriving early in school.

Secondly, we have divided the trains home at 3:33pm and 3:38pm to Eastbourne and Hastings into specific carriages for Years 7 to 10. This is to ensure that we can immediately find any pupils not following the rules and to help keep a communal year group spirit on the train. The carriage nearest the ramps in Bexhill are for Year 7 and the next for Year 8 etc. Year 11 do not have a carriage therefore and will help and support pupils in each carriage by standing in the foyer section by the doors. Prefects are given the responsibility to make sure pupils are seated, if possible, in each carriage; polite to members of the public and safe. They will enforce the carriage rules and report use of mobile phones or poor behaviour.

If your child has permission to hand in and collect a mobile phone from reception, then it is to text or ring their parents /carers only and not to listen to music, play games or peruse the internet. Prefects will be monitoring this and reporting to me. Poor behaviour will result in community service in the first instance; a ban from the school train at normal times or pupils having to find alternative transport if this is a recurring occurrence.

There are a variety of after-school activities at St Richard's starting soon and I encourage all pupils to participate to enrich their involvement in school life; to help them to make new friends and of, course, to ease congestion on public transport.

If you wish to discuss issues about the train please contact me at mrdoherly@strichardsc.com

Mr Doherty
Pastoral Leader Year 11 / Acting Assistant Principal

ATTENDANCE

Reporting Pupil Absence/Lateness to School

A reminder that parents/carers can leave an answerphone message reporting their child's absence from school or lateness to school due to an appointment by dialling the school telephone number – 01424 731070 and then pressing 1 when prompted. Wherever possible, please ensure this is done before the close of registration at 9.10am. You will be asked for your full name, the pupil's name, their form group, the reason for their absence and your relationship to the absent pupil. Please remember to phone for each subsequent day of absence.

Alternatively, parents/carers can email the dedicated absence email address with the same details as shown above: pupilabsence@strichardsc.com

Additionally, please can you ensure that any letters regarding past or future absences (other than holiday requests which must be addressed to Miss Cronin) are addressed and **sent/given to me and not your child's Form Tutor** so that the appropriate information is shown on your child's attendance records. My email address is mrsjonesh@strichardsc.com

It is also very important that, should your child miss registration, he/she remembers to come to the Attendance Office to sign in or sign out as appropriate so that we have an accurate record of all pupils on the college site. This is to ensure their safety.



Attendance Prize

This year we will be continuing our competition, the *Attendance Games*. For every complete week a pupil attends school, their name will go forward to win the termly prize, a cinema voucher. Every pupil who attends daily for 6 weeks gains an extra entry into the competition, increasing their chances of winning. We aim to reward pupils for good attendance, without penalising those who are absent for unavoidable reasons.

175 NON-SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR:

spent on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments

190 days in each school year	10 days off	19 days off	29 days off (one school term)	38 days off	47 days off
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
GOOD Best chance of reaching your target grades		WORRYING You will have to work harder outside of school hours to reach your target grades		SERIOUS CONCERN Unlikely to achieve target grades at GCSE	

If you have any questions about anything to do with attendance, please give me a call or send me an email.

Many thanks
Mrs Jones, Attendance Officer
mrsjonesh@strichardsc.com

Open Evening (Early Closure)

Our Open Evening for prospective pupils and their parents/carers is on Tuesday, 3rd October (6.00-8.30pm). **On this day, the pupils will finish at 1.15pm so that staff can prepare for the evening's activities.** Only pupils with the newsletter acknowledgement No. 1 signed will be allowed to leave early.

Many pupils will be asked to return in the evening to engage in a range of activities: you will be notified of this in due course. May I thank you in advance for supporting them in doing this. Please note the earlier starting time of 6.00pm. **At the end of the evening, staff will supervise pupils down to the seafront to avoid the annual congestion experienced on this evening. Therefore, can I ask you, as far as possible, to park on the seafront on this evening.**

St Richard's Website - Information for Parents

The following updated information is available on the website:

Annual Report to Governors - June 2017

Local Offer - SEN

Pupil Premium Report

Acceptable Use Policy

Admissions Policy

Attendance Policy

Behaviour Management Policy

Careers Education, Information, Advice & Guidance

Charging and Lettings Policy

Child Looked After

Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy and Procedure

General Complaints Policy

Confidential Reporting Policy

Controlled Assessment Policy

Data Protection Policy (Privacy Notice)

Drug Education Policy

Equality Scheme and Action Plan

Fairtrade Policy

Friendship and Anti-Bullying Policy

Governor Visits Policy

Home School Agreement

Homework Policy

Library Policy

Literacy Policy

Managing Bereavement and Loss Policy

Numeracy Policy

Safe Practice Policy

SEN Policy

Spiritual Life Policy

Use of Images Policy



Adult helpers required for the occasional school trip

If you are in a position to volunteer to accompany the occasional day trip as an adult helper, could you email Mrs Klein at mrskleink@strichardsgcc.com. Could those parents/carers who volunteered in the last academic year confirm whether they will be available to help this academic year. Many thanks to those parents/carers who accompanied day trips in 2016-2017.

Important Health and safety notice to all Parents/Carers

With over 1,000 pupils leaving the college premises at the end of the school day, may I request that pupils needing to be collected are picked up away from the entrance/exit to the college. The seafront provides a safer and more accessible picking-up point at Sutton Place (TN40 1PD). This will allow those pupils needing to cross the road to catch the buses or to go to the train station to do so in safety.

Please be aware that members of staff supervise pupils at the train station and they need to get to the station before the pupils, and that the buses depart from the college at 3.20pm. It would be helpful if car drivers could allow the buses to depart before they do. Please be reassured that if a train is delayed staff will remain with the pupils until it arrives.

Thank you to those parents/carers who pick up their children on the seafront: it allows for a quicker and safer exit for all. Please can I ask you to be considerate of residents when picking up or dropping off. Please do not block driveways, particularly in the Penland Wood area.

Your support with this issue is greatly appreciated.

Miss Cronin, Principal



If your child is on continuous medication and you would like the school to keep a stock then please hand this into Mrs O'Brien, in the First Aid Room. It must:

1. be in a sealed envelope;
2. have the child's name, date and form on the envelope;
3. have a letter enclosed with the name of the medication, what it is for and how it is to be dispensed;
4. have the parent/carer's signature on the letter.

Without authorisation we will be unable to dispense the medication. Pupils must not have any medication, other than inhalers or 2 paracetamol for emergency use, in their bags during the day.



REMINDER

Paracetamol is not provided for pupils with acute pain UNLESS provided by parent/carer as above.

Please discourage pupils from attending college **when clearly unwell**. On occasions, it can be difficult to get hold of parents/carers in these circumstances, and it also puts other pupils at risk from illness.

Mrs O'Brien, School Nurse

DATES FOR REPORTS AND CONSULTATION EVENINGS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2017-2018

Terms 1 and 2

Tuesday, 31 st October	Pupil Profiles to parents/carers (Years 10-11)
Friday 15 th December	Pupil Profiles to parents/carers (Years 7-9)
Wednesday, 15 th November	Year 7 settling-in report to parents/carers.
Thursday, 23 rd November	Year 7 'Settling In' Parents' Evening (5pm-8pm)

Terms 3 and 4

Friday, 12 th January	Pupil Profiles to parents/carers (Years 10 & 11)
Thursday, 11 th January	Year 9 Parents' Evening
Friday, 12 th January	Pupil Profiles to parents/carers (Years 10 & 11)
Tuesday, 30 th January.....	Year 11 Reports to parents/carers
Tuesday, 13 th March.....	Year 8 Reports to parents/carers
Tuesday, 13 th March.....	Pupil Profiles to parents/carers (Years 7 & 9)
Thursday, 15 th March	Year 8 Parents' Evening
Tuesday, 27 th March.....	Pupil Profiles to parents/carers (Years 10 & 11)

Terms 5 and 6

Thursday, 26 th April	Year 10 Parents' Evening
Wednesday, 9 th May	Pupil Profiles to parents/carers (Year 11)
Wednesday, 16 th May	Year 7 Reports to parents/carers
Thursday, 17 th May	Year 7 Parents' Evening
Tuesday, 22 nd May	Pupil Profiles to parents/carers (Year 10)
Wednesday, 6 th June	Year 9 Reports to parents/carers
Wednesday, 4 th July	Year 10 Reports to parents/carers
Tuesday, 10 th July	Pupil Profiles to parents/carers (Years 7-9)



Lost Property

If your son/daughter loses something at school, please ask him/her to check through the items in the lost property area. All PE kit is placed in the PE cupboard. **It is college policy that items left unclaimed at the end of term will be donated to a charity shop. Parents/carers are welcome to view lost property by appointment with Reception.**

CODE OF CONDUCT

Pupils will:

- Attend class promptly, with the correct books and equipment.
- Enter and leave the classroom in a quiet, orderly manner.
- Settle down to lessons quickly, respecting the right of other pupils to listen and work.
- Exercise tolerance of one another, especially when personal opinions are expressed.
- Respect the classroom environment and leave the room clean and tidy.
- Abide by the rules of the college community.

Equipment needed

Remember that you can buy stationery from the library, calculators and some equipment from the Maths department, Bibles from the RE department, sketch books from Art and PE kit from the PE department. You must always have a black or blue pen for writing and a purple pen for correcting your work. Headphones are also invaluable for working on the tablets/laptops.

ANTI-BULLYING AND FRIENDSHIP CODE

In St Richard's we strive to create an open atmosphere of mutual respect and love in which bullying behaviour is unnecessary and unacceptable.

- We support each other by ensuring that no-one is insulted, offended or harmed in any way.
- We recognise that everyone has the right to happiness, free from injury or intimidation.
- We wish ours to be a listening, ordered environment, with open channels of communication between all staff and all pupils.

School Gateway

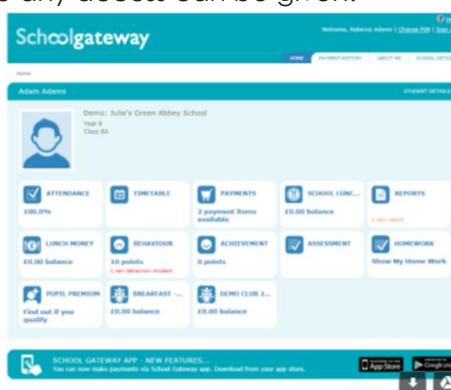
Due to a kind donation by the PTFA, we are delighted to be introducing a new 'communicating with parents' system. If you have not already done so, please download the **schoolgateway** app or access it at <https://schoolgateway.co.uk>. All you need is the email address and mobile phone number you sent into the school as your contact details. (Please be mindful that we send data collection sheets home every year for any updates). All parents listed as priority 1 on their child's details will be able to access the gateway.

If you are unable to sign-in, it will be for one of two reasons:

1. We do not have your current email address and/or mobile number.
Action: Please email the school office admin@strichardscc.com with your updated details and they will be inputted as quickly as possible. Try again a day or so later and all should be resolved.
2. You are not priority 1 on the school system.
Whoever is priority 1 on the system in the home will be able to access it and share the pin with you. If you would like your own separate account please email in asking to be a joint priority 1. As long as you are living with your spouse/partner, we can quickly make this happen.
3. You do not live with the person listed as priority 1 but would like access to your child's account.
If this is the situation please email your child's Pastoral Leader who will be able to look into this for you. As details such as home address and phone numbers are shared it will simply be a case of ensuring that both parents agree to it before any access can be given.

We ask that this account is looked at daily and discussed with your son/daughter. The wealth of information that can now be shared can be seen in the screen shot below:

I hope you find this useful as a way to celebrate success and address quickly any low-level issues that may be affecting the learning of your own child or other children. Please be assured, in the rare occasion of a serious misdemeanour occurring, you will be contacted by telephone.



Reminders

GCSE Studies. Pupils in Years 10 and 11 have lots to study in preparation for their GCSEs. During PSHE lessons they are given tips on organisation of their time and how to revise. There are also pages on revision ideas in the journal. You should never be told by your son/daughter that he/she has no homework. Each GCSE course is intensive with controlled assignments/revision to be completed. Please ring the college to speak to the relevant Subject Leader or your son/daughter's Personal Tutor if you are concerned about the lack of or amount of homework he/she is doing.

Mobile Phones. While we appreciate that some parents/carers would like contact with their child, particularly when travelling, our policy remains no mobile phones in college. We do, however, have a facility for parents to request permission in exceptional circumstances for pupils to bring in phones and in these cases, phones are looked after by the reception staff and collected at the end of the school day. **All requests must be put in writing to the Principal.** Cyberbullying is on the increase in society: we must do all we can to prevent this occurring in school. Additionally, mobile phones are a temptation for thieves. Please support us fully in our policy. **Should your child be discovered in possession of a phone without permission, then it will be confiscated and a parent/carer will be expected to collect it.**

Appointments for Consultation Evenings. Pupils are given appointment sheets two weeks before the Consultation Evening. This allows them enough time to book appointments with all their teaching staff. If your son/daughter informs you that they have been unable to obtain an appointment with a member of staff, could you kindly ring the college to question this. Your son/daughter's Personal Tutor or Pastoral Leader will then follow this up.

School Nurse. Some parents question why 'ill' pupils are not sent home immediately when they go to see the School Nurse. It is school policy that, as far as possible, pupils will be kept in college unless they really are struggling. I am sure you can appreciate that tummy upsets can occur for all kinds of reasons including dislike of a lesson/forgotten homework/friendship issues. We prefer to help the child deal with the issue rather than run away from it. Occasionally, a child's health does worsen during the day and in this instance we will send for a parent/carer immediately. Our medical room is a safe, clean environment where pupils are taken care of until they are ready to return to lessons.



Parental Focus Groups

Parents/Carers: we need your views

In order to enhance the quality of parental engagement within the college, I would like to invite you to join one of our **Parental Focus Groups** which meet termly to discuss a variety of school issues.

Topics presented to and discussed by parents during 2016-17 included: Assessment and Progress 8, Safeguarding, Arts Award, Year 2 of the 3 Year College Improvement Plan, Option Pathways, Pupil Leadership Opportunities, Careers Education, John Muir Award, the curriculum structure, E-safety, revision strategies, 'Show My Homework', PSHEe topics such as sexting and LGBTQ issues, Spiritual Life and pupil profiles. The meetings are very informal and also give you the chance to view school life on a working day. Staff have found the views of parents/carers extremely helpful so it is hoped that even more parents/carers will want to get involved this year.

If you are willing to get involved in any way, could you please email Mrs Frangella-Cramp as soon as possible at mrsfrangellal@strichardscc.com If you are unable to commit to a day or evening group then perhaps you might consider agreeing to a termly phone call from a member of the Leadership and Management Team.

Can I take this opportunity to thank all parents/carers who fill in surveys at our Parent Consultation Evenings: your views really do help us to improve college life.

Please note that there will be the opportunity to have a tour of the school to see teaching and learning in action on the morning of Wednesday, 11th October. Dates of all Parental Focus Group meetings are listed on the back page of this newsletter and on the website. Your involvement will really make a difference in enhancing school life.

Please email Mrs Frangella-Cramp, PA to the Principal, if you are interested in contributing opinions to help improve college life in any of the following ways:

- attend a meeting with a group of other parents on a Wednesday morning once a term (9.15-10.30am)
- attend an early evening meeting with a group of other parents (Thursday at 6.15-7.30pm termly)
- engage in a dialogue with a member of the Leadership and Management Team via telephone termly
- attend the tour of the school on Wednesday, 11th October at 9.15am

Mrs L Frangella-Cramp

PA to Principal, mrsfrangellal@strichardscc.com

**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. You can also check online to see if you qualify, in our new School Gateway app.

CONTACT DETAILS

Your son/daughter will be bringing home a data collection sheet this term. Can you please ensure that this is signed and returned to the college as soon as possible, so that our records can be brought up-to-date. The data for Year 7 pupils has been taken from information provided electronically by primary schools, so please check through carefully and mark any amendments clearly. **All data collection sheets need to be returned, even if there are no amendments.** It is essential that we have up-to-date contact information, including a parental email address. Thank you.

CAREERS AND WORK EXPERIENCE



If you or your son/daughter requires any careers information, advice and guidance then you can try any of the following:

1. www.fasttomato.com – this website is simple and easy to use, using psychometric testing to highlight each person's interests, attitudes and motivations. Fast Tomato is then able to suggest individualised and personalised careers ideas and courses. Pupils can also access accurate and highly relevant career information. To register please contact me for the registration code.
2. www.eclips-online.co.uk – this is an easy to use to information system that can be accessed online, with details on over 500 jobs and careers. The system also includes a wide range of leaflets on career choices, education, and lifestyle topics. To access the site please contact me for the password.
3. You can try the following websites for independent careers advice:
 - <http://connexions360.org.uk/Pages/default.aspx> - this website covers topics from health to work to finance. The website aims to provide information on local options and support, including the Careers 4U iPhone App. It also provides links to national websites and helplines and the National Apprenticeship service.
 - <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/Pages/Home.aspx> - the National Careers Service provides information advice and guidance to help you make decisions on learning, training and work opportunities. The service offers confidential, helpful and impartial advice, supported by qualified careers advisers

All of the above websites can be accessed via the school website. This includes links to Apprenticeships, Work Experience and volunteering.

Our careers library contains a wealth of information about the world of work and is accessible to all pupils. If you have any queries with regards to careers information, advice and guidance please do not hesitate to contact me.

CALLING ALL FORMER PUPILS

Did you go to St Richard's Catholic College? If you're a former pupil who would like to support current pupils, the college would love to hear from you! Right now, there are pupils in the assembly hall where you once sat, facing similar challenges and opportunities that you did. Being connected to you could really help them. The college is one of more than 500 state schools across Britain which have registered with the charity Future First to set up networks of former pupils or alumni. Future First's vision is that every state school or college should be supported by a thriving, engaged alumni community that helps it to do more for its pupils. More than 50,000 former pupils across Britain have already signed up to stay connected with their old school. They're inspiring young people in a number of ways; as career and education role models, mentors or e-mentors, work experience providers, governors, donors or fundraisers.

It doesn't matter when you left school, whether you're in further education or employment, whether you still live nearby or have moved further away, there are still ways you can help!

You can sign up to Future First's alumni scheme by following this link:

<https://networks.futurefirst.org.uk/former-student-ms-s1/strichards>

WORK EXPERIENCE MOCK INTERVIEWS: 5TH JUNE 2018

Year 10 pupils will go on a week's work experience in June 2018. In preparation for this the timetable is suspended for a day of activities. The activities include writing curriculum vitae, role play and health and safety whilst in the work place. Each pupil also attends a 20 minute one to one interview.

I am looking for volunteers to act as interviewers for this morning, which will take place on 5th June 2018. Each interviewer will see approximately 3-4 pupils over the duration of the morning. Feedback should be given to the pupils in terms of their CVs and any tips or advice for the future. If you are interested in being involved in this event or would like further information please contact me at the email address below.

WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENTS

Most of the placements are provided by East Sussex County Council via a database of employers. However, not all of these placements are either suitable or challenging enough for our pupils. It would be great if we could build up our own database in addition to that provided, in order to offer all our pupils a really rich experience of the world of work.

East Sussex County Council would need to approve these placements on health and safety grounds and any employer offering a placement would need to have Employers Liability Insurance.

Please contact me at the school if you are able to help provide a valuable work experience placement.

Mrs C Adams

Careers and Work Experience Coordinator - mrsadamsc@strichardscc.com

English Department

KS3 English

A new term and a new start for year 7 pupils at St Richard's. For KS3 pupils, here are a few tips to get you ready for English this year:

- Make sure you are doing at least 30 minutes of reading per week, and get it signed by your parents in your journal. You get a credit for every 40 pages you manage!
- Carry a reading book with you every day in case your teacher tells you to Drop Everything and Read!
- Ask your form tutors about Literacy Mondays.
- Check your homework carefully - teachers may not accept work if it does not look like you have made an effort to correct spelling, punctuation and grammar errors.

KS4

Welcome back years 10 and 11!

The department are very pleased and proud to report that **92%** of our leavers achieved a 4 or above grade in English Language or Literature this year. We are delighted to see the hard work and dedication of our pupils, teachers and parents leading to such success. Well done to all involved.

We're looking forward to a busy and fun-filled term in the English department. Year 10, you are beginning your new GCSE course. Please come in with **big smiles** and an **eagerness** to learn! You will be starting with *Macbeth* so be prepared for madness, deceit and treachery on a Monday morning...

Year 11, make sure you **start your revision early** as there are many different topics to know for your exams. If you need any help with revision strategies or timetables just let us know. Keep re-reading your set texts as you need to know them inside out for your Literature exams. **Quote-learning** should be in full swing, along with key terminology. You can find your **keywords** in the googledrive and your teachers will share them with you on Show My Homework. The online folder of revision resources will be shared with you including keywords, padlets, videos and other hidden gems.

Parents - as always, we are extremely grateful for your ongoing support. You will be informed immediately if we would like your child to attend a support or intervention session with the department. We will also publish soon the schedule of revision classes available to pupils. Any assistance at home in helping your child to learn key words and quotations is much appreciated.

Sound Training

In the last academic year, two members of staff have completed Sound Training, which focuses on improving pupils' reading and spelling skills. The course for pupils involves six fast-paced sessions that help to develop decoding of words and word recognition. Through the study of root words and their definitions, children have been shown to make dramatic improvements in terms of their reading age.

This year, two more members of staff will complete the training allowing a greater number of pupils to access the course and further improve literacy levels across the school.

Keep an eye out for **trips, extra-curricular opportunities and competitions!**

Science Department News



GCSE Astronomy

Year 9 astronomers celebrated on results day, as they collected their excellent grades at the end of a very busy year of study. Despite the increase in challenge for all GCSE subjects in recent years, the 2016 - 17 cohort earned a most commendable set of results, with 93% awarded grades A-C and 100% achieving A-D.

During the GCSE Astronomy course, this year's astronomers accrued additional honours, including final competition places in the STFC School Science prize, 1st prize in both traditional and computer-aided categories for the 950th Battle of Hastings 'Art in a Controlled Assessment image selected to be National Schools'

Astronomy' Competition and had a Controlled Assessment image selected to be National Schools' Observatory Image of the Month.

Eratosthenes Experiment

The new Year 9 astronomy cohort will be undertaking a European Science experiment to revisit the famous Eratosthenes experiment, an early method used to estimate the circumference of the Earth using shadow sticks at a known distance apart with angles and Pythagorean mathematics!.

Forthcoming Science Extra-Curricular Trips & Visits

- Year 7 Block Day Trip to Natural History Museum
- Day Trip to Royal Observatory, Greenwich
- Diwali Trip (STEAM Project with RE)
- '60 Years of Sputnik' Space Exhibition
- CAT Camp (residential trip to Wales 22nd - 25th October 2017)
- Herstmonceux Telescope Supper Tour
- University of Sussex' GCSE Astronomy Day



Clubs:

- Year 9 Astronomers Circumference of the Earth Calculation
- Year 7 Young Investigators lunch-time club (Term 2 -)
- Year 8 Fab Fizzix (Tuesday lunchtimes)
- **StAR Club (St Richard's Amateur Radio club) - ALL WELCOME - on Thursdays 3.15 - 4.30 p.m. in Lab. 4**

***** See Dr Durkin in Lab 4 for more information and trip letters

Maths Department



Maths Highlights

- Numeracy Club Every Thursday B6 for KS3
- Yr 11 Intervention starts straight away!

Mr Gallivan

- On Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays:
 - 8:00am-8:30am: levels 5, 6, 7
 - 12:45pm-1:05pm: levels 3, 4, 5
 - 3:15pm-4:15pm: levels 7, 8, 9

Ms Gallagher

- Intervention for 7/8/9
- After school Wednesday in B6

How to help Year 7 pupils:

Ask them to **ESTIMATE** the shopping total cost when in the supermarket.

Never say you do not like MATHS; always be positive about the subject.

Understanding measure is vital: Let them read scales when cooking or when filling the petrol in the car.

SUPERMARKET
*** SHOPPING BILL ***

Aa	Bb	Cc	Dd	Ee	3.99
Ff	Gg	Hh	Ii	Jj	8.85
Kk	Ll	Mm	Nn	Oo	2.14
Pp	Qq	Rr	Ss	Tt	0.58
Uu	Vv	Ww	Xx	Yy	7.26
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Total:					25.89



Maths Problem - take your answer to Miss Gallagher B6 for a prize.

Baby's nearly one year old now. We've worked out how to weigh her but nurse and I still have trouble measuring her height. She just will not stand up straight against our measuring chart. In fact she can't stand up at all yet! So we measure her upside down. Last year nurse held Baby's feet, keeping them level with the 140cm mark, while I read off the mark level with the top of Baby's head: 97cm. This year it was my turn to hold the feet. Being taller than nurse, I held them against the 150cm mark, while the nurse crawled on the floor to read the mark level with the top of Baby's head: 84c. How many centimetres has Baby grown in her first year?

FREE Opportunity for parents and carers: GCSE Maths Adult Class.

The free classes for GCSE Mathematics will start on 19th September. Please contact msgallagherl@strichardscc.com to book your place or find out more information. We had excellent success with the class last year.

Use of Images

We are currently updating our records regarding the taking and use of photographic images for promotional and display use within the college. If you do not wish your son/daughter's photograph to be taken or used for any purpose, please contact Mrs Klein at mrskleink@strichardscc.com.

RE DEPARTMENT NEWS



Our year 11 leavers performed outstandingly in the summer exams. As a department, we are extremely proud of them and all the hard work and effort they put into their RE exams. The RE GCSE results were 91% A*- C. The early entry RE group performed really well and achieved 100% A*-B. The RE AS results were 100% A-C (there is no A* at AS level). These fantastic results will inspire and motivate our current year 11s to achieve amazing results next year.

Our new year 7s will starting the term with a topic called "New Beginnings." In this topic they will learn about the Bible, Church and the Mass. They will also visit St. Mary Magdalene's Church (Bexhill) to see what is in a Church and what happens in a Church. They will receive more details about this visit during their RE lessons.



The year 8s will start the year with a topic called "Roots." This topic will cover Church history. They will learn about how Christianity has changed and developed from Jesus' resurrection to today. This will include the crusades, reformation and the different denominations.

The year 9s will start their journey through Mark's Gospel. They will start by discovering who Mark was and why he wrote the Gospel. They will investigate the evidence of Jesus' existence.



The year 10s will start the brand new RE course. They will be learning about Catholic beliefs. This will cover the trinity, creation and life after death.

The year 11s will continue with their GCSE course. They will start by learning about "Forms of expression." They will be focusing on features of the Catholic Church, artwork, music and drama in Catholicism.

Miss Henry will be starting an afterschool club to discuss and debate ethical and philosophical issues. More details on this will be passed on later in the term.

If you have any questions or queries regarding your son or daughter, in relation to RE, do not hesitate to contact Miss Henry misshenryl@strichardscscc.com

Mrs Mead, Acting Subject Leader – RE



Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) Department



Year 7 Carousel

Year 7 are starting this new academic year with a taste of the 3 languages of French, German and Spanish in a cycle of 2 lessons per language.

We shall end our carousel celebrating the "European day of languages" on 26th September.

European Day of Languages



European day of languages

European day of languages – 26th September is an annual celebration mainly in Europe, but also in other non-European countries now, which celebrates the importance of languages and the linguistic diversity that they bring to the world. Here, at St Richards we will celebrate this event with a number of workshops throughout the day during MFL lessons and with some lunchtime activities.

If you speak another language and would like to share your culture and language with other pupils during one of our workshops, please talk to one of our MFL teachers.

MFL clubs:

Following our European day of languages, the MFL clubs for KS3 will start every Wednesday 13:00 till 13:30. French in B14, German in B4 and Spanish in B13. The MFL clubs organise fun activities such as games, projects and films. They are a great opportunity to learn about different cultures and to practise basics languages skills as well as meeting new people.

The French ambassadors club for KS4 will take place every Monday at 13:00 from October. They will run the KS3 MFL club and organise MFL events in school as well as enhance their language skills.



In **France**, this time of year when pupils go back to school, is called “la rentrée” (going back). French pupils do not wear a uniform to school, but they must provide their own stationery and books (including textbooks). **Germany** will be electing their next chancellor at the German federal elections on 24th September. Angela Merkel leader of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) is standing against Martin Schulz from the Social Democratic Party (SPD). 15th September to 15th October, every year, is **Hispanic Heritage Month** in the United States. It celebrates the importance and the contributions by Hispanic Americans to the United States.

Miss Chong, Miss Auzinger & Mrs Scott

Block Day

On Thursday, 5th October the timetable will be suspended so that pupils can participate in a range of curriculum enrichment activities:

Year 7	-	Natural History Museum
Year 8	-	Be the Best You Can Be (in college)
Year 9	-	Enterprise Day (in College)
Year 10	-	Retreat (Location to be confirmed)
Year 11	-	Academic Resilience (in college)

As some of the activities will take place off site, you will be receiving a letter informing you of the day's programme for your son/daughter and any costs involved. Any queries/concerns about the day should be addressed to your son/daughter's Pastoral Leader.

Uniform

Thank you to the vast majority of pupils who returned to school looking so smart and such a credit to their families. We had only a minority of pupils who came back with uniform issues to be addressed and this is down to the excellent support we receive from you as parents/carers. **Jumpers with holes in need to be replaced and you are reminded that the colouring of hair is not acceptable, neither is the dying of eyelashes or eyebrows. Additionally, wedging and tramlines on boys' hair are not permitted. See the Community Expectations listed in the journal and remember to sign the acknowledgement slip.**

Please continue to monitor uniform throughout the year so that this excellent start can be maintained and our pupils look as well turned out in the community as they do in school and are therefore a credit to us all.

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 attend events or to participate in extra-curricular activities during term time will only be given in exceptional 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. **Please be aware that all holiday requests will be unauthorised to comply with DfE directives.**

Miss Cronin, Principal

Our newsletter is emailed in the penultimate week of each term on a Friday. **All pupils in a family need to have a signature from a parent/carer to indicate that the newsletter has been 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 of the newsletter then please email your details to Mrs Klein (mrskleink@strichardscc.com), indicating whether you would prefer an A4 or A5 edition**

News from the Geography Department

The department wishes everyone a welcome return and look forward to hearing about any travels both local and far flung that pupils may have made in the summer holidays. We would like to congratulate last year's Y11 who achieved 86.6% A*-C in Geography with 38.8% achieving A* and A. They worked very hard and deserve their results. We wish them every success in the future. Below we review our last residential trip in the summer term and look at the year ahead.

If you have any concerns about your child in this subject, please do not hesitate to contact their teacher – Mr Howe, Mrs Massey or Mrs Hoyle. In the meantime, we look forward to teaching your child and meeting you at Parents' Consultation Evenings, or other college events.



Fossil fun on the Isle of Wight

On a warm sunny morning in July, the Geography department headed off for their annual residential with a fantastic group of 40 Year 9 and 10 pupils. The trip was extremely exciting for many as not only was it their first trip to the island, most had not been on a ferry and some had never been on a residential school trip!

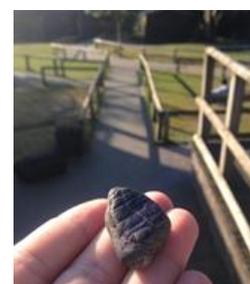
The trip combined important geographical knowledge and understanding led by our department staff to help pupils develop their deeper comprehension in time for their GCSE studies. Plenty of fun activities were provided as pupils enjoyed the Giant Swing and Trapeze, as well as outdoor games, campfire,

music and skimming stones into the sunset. Evening activities were facilitated by staff at the PGL Little Canada centre who commented on how the pupils were very polite and well mannered, setting a great example to the other groups staying there.

The trip encompassed some iconic locations on the Isle of Wight. Pupils discovered how the amazing landform features of the Needles and Freshwater Bay and cove were formed. We also went to the beach resort of Ventnor and Alum Bay to understand about coastal management and their impact on the local community. We visited tourist locations to look at visitor numbers and activities and impacts on locations. The pupils learnt new techniques for fieldwork. We also found time to visit the Dimbola Museum where we enjoyed a lecture on dinosaur fossils and finds, before heading to Compton bay for an afternoon of fossil hunting, led by the island's leading fossil expert.

Pupils recorded their learning in work booklets that they can revise from and use in their GCSE exam and it was so pleasing to hear the geographical language being used confidently by so many in our group.

It was a pleasure to take the group on this trip, and we are pleased that they were so engaged and learnt so much. We will be running the same trip for the current Year 9 and 10 pupils in July 2018, details will follow shortly. Keep an eye on the Geography display board in A block where you can collect your trip letter soon!



South of England Agricultural Society

Back in term 6, 29 pupils from St. Richard's Catholic College visited the South of England Show in Ardingly, West Sussex.

Earlier in the year, all 400 pupils from Years 7 and 8 wrote poems about the Great British countryside, and of these poems, several were selected to enter the South of England Show's annual competition. We are pleased to announce great success in the poetry competition, which had to be 50 words to celebrate 50 years of South of England Show. Winner of the Key Stage 3 category was William Buchanan, Year 7; Certificates of Commendation were given to Maisie Nevey and Gabrielle Ward, also Year 7.



The 'Geography Club' also entered a 'growing' competition where they had to create a small garden which created the number 50, to celebrate 50 years of South of England Show. Here the pupils continued their success, winning 1st prize in the Key Stage 3 category.

Pupils enjoyed an educational tour of the showground, including a livestock tour where they learnt about breeds of cattle, sheep, pigs, goats and chickens. Pupils loved the hands on aspect of the livestock and learnt all about particular breeds from the owners themselves. The range of stalls and exhibitions were also valuable, including local produce stalls, Women's Institute centre and the various shows and demonstrations in the Show Ring.



Pupils were invited to attend this trip as a reward for their hard work and commitment to learning in lessons, outstanding creativity and effort in their homework and continued commitment to attending and partaking in Geography Club. At Geography Club, which runs on Thursday lunchtimes in A2, pupils from Years 7, 8 and 9 can build models, research news articles, use climate equipment, watch the latest geographical video documentaries, and explore the wide range of Geography available to them. For more information on Geography Club, please speak to your Geography teacher.

The Year Ahead in Geography

We would encourage pupils to get involved with the range of events that the department runs from the weekly Geography clubs, themed weeks at various times of the year and the annual residential trip. There will be plenty of trips in the coming year including the annual trip to the South of England Show.

The following topics will be taught this year and we have signposted websites that you may find useful in supporting your child:

Year	Topics	Useful websites to help your child
7	Understanding our Home Region Country Study: Kenya River studies	OS map skills https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/mapzone/ KS3 Bitesize http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zrw76sg
8	Our coastal environment Country Study: Brazil Understanding development issues	KS3 Bitesize http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zrw76sg Learn on the internet http://geography.learnontheinternet.co.uk/ks3/index.html
9	Plate tectonics Understanding Asia Ice on the Land	Geography in the News http://www.geographyinthenews.org.uk/issues/issue-35/plate-tectonics-overview/ks3/ Top Marks http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=12&AgeGroup=4&p=5
10	Coasts Urban Life Weather and Ecosystems Fieldwork	Get revising https://getrevising.co.uk/resources/level/gcse/subjects/geography GCSE Geography http://www.gcsegeography.co.uk/
11	Water Resources Rivers Economic World Decision Making Paper	KS4 Bitesize http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/geography/ GCSE Geography http://www.gcsegeography.co.uk/

Mrs Hoyle, Subject Leader – Geography



History Department News

Congratulations to our year 11 cohort 2016-17 on their fantastic GCSE results. We are delighted with your

overall achievement of 88% A*-C. You should all be very proud. A special mention must be given to Natalia Srodek, who achieved maximum marks on every paper for History. This is a first for the department and we are so very proud of you!

KEY STAGE 3 HISTORY

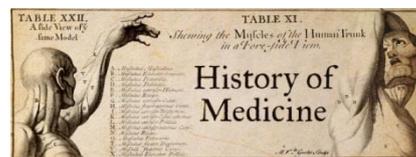
Welcome back to all our Key Stage 3 pupils; we hope you have enjoyed a restful summer and are ready to undertake some exciting History this year. Year 7 will begin with an enquiry into how Saxon England was conquered. Year 8 will make links with the Classical world and Renaissance to consider: what really turned the world upside down? Year 9 will cover Slavery and Civil Rights in their first unit, entitled USA: Land of the Free?

KEY STAGE 3 HISTORY CLUB

The Key Stage 3 History Club will run weekly on a Wednesday in A9, 12.50-1.25.



This is an exciting opportunity to take part in a club that will support and extend your History learning outside of the classroom. As well as producing individual projects and exploring aspects of History that you find interesting, this



could also be your opportunity to contribute to the development of the department in terms of what you would like taught in your History lessons. You may choose to get involved in local History projects, perhaps one of the centenary celebrations happening this year. There will also be opportunities to enjoy external trips though this club so make sure you are there! All are welcome. Please see Mrs Campbell for further details.

GCSE HISTORY

Welcome back to all our Historians: we hope you had a restful break and are ready for the challenges of this new year.

Year 10

Pupils will continue their in-depth study into Nazi Germany with a focus this term on how Hitler came to power and what happened in Germany once he became Fuhrer.

Year 11

As the Germany unit draws to a close, pupils will begin work on the new unit for paper 2, Anglo-Saxon and Norman England. This unit will cover the fascinating power struggle for the throne of England and ultimate success of William of Normandy.

All pupils are reminded to ensure they are continually reviewing their learning and are welcome to attend the Thursday after school 'drop in' support session in A11 if they feel they would benefit from additional support.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

This term we plan to take a group of pupils to the 1066, Battle of Hastings event in October. We also hope to run a Battlefields Trip in term 2 and a residential trip to Berlin in the summer for Year 9 and 10 pupils. More information will follow so keep an eye on our displays and Year group notice boards.

Mrs R Campbell
Subject Leader for History

ART DEPARTMENT

Congratulations to our former Year 11 art pupils for their excellent GCSE results. The Department are looking forward to teaching the current Year 11 cohort and expecting equally stunning work. After the very successful GCSE Art Exhibition, which was held last term, we are already planning the next show. Our year 10's embark on their GCSE Art courses this week and I would like to wish them all well. We took the current Year 11s on a trip to the Victoria and Albert Museum in London before summer. The pupils took part in a workshop run by the V+A learning team which helped them develop their GCSE Art coursework. The pupils also visited the exhibition – Their Mortal Remains, an experience that was 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.

I received some excellent news upon my return to college from The Royal Navy & Royal Marines Children's Fund. We took part in their Art competition 'Life Cycles' and I am pleased to announce that out of 1000 entries St Richard's came First, Second and Third with four of our pupils shortlisted and runners-up. The Assistant Director informed me that the standard was extremely high so I am really proud of all our pupils' achievement. The following pupils will be receiving their prizes from me in assembly very shortly.

- Isabel Kirienco – First Prize Winner
- Olimpia Croucher – Second Prize Winner
- Millie Rose White – Second Prize Winner
- Eliza Brown – Third Prize Winner
- Chiara Elisa Wells – Third Prize Winner

The following pupils were shortlisted and were runners-up: Bethany Dineley, Mimi Luscombe, Karina Maziarczuk and Melissa Sharp. All pupils will receive prizes and certificates and Isabel's entry will be featured in the new topic pack on Life Cycles produced by Oaka Books. A fantastic achievement.

Finally, I have already received some wonderful entries for our annual Lions Peace Poster competition. I am expecting our pupils to do as well as Moe Murray, last year's winner.

Keep Creating!

Mr Peachment, Art Department

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Welcome back to all of our fantastic pupils at St Richard's Catholic College! I am delighted to be back and am really looking forward to an exciting, successful new term.

Goodbye Mr Roadknight

The day finally came when we all had to say a sad farewell to the Head of Music, Mr Roadknight. He has been at St Richard's for the past 17 years and retired at the end of the summer term. He will be sorely missed by myself and, of course, all of the budding musicians we have at this college. He worked endlessly to produce outstanding GCSE results and has nurtured some incredible musicians over the last 17 years. I am sure you will all join me in wishing Mr Roadknight a very happy, healthy retirement.

Congratulations to Elisha Edwards (Yr 11 leaver) and Xavier Ralph (Yr 10) for getting through the audition process and winning a well sought after place on the main stage at the 'Zooquarium' music festival that took place in late July. They astounded large audiences with their unbelievable talent and made one music teacher very proud! It was a music festival for young people between the ages of 14-24 who are currently involved in music projects or bands across the whole of East Sussex. I counted at least 6 former music pupils from St Richard's, who performed on different stages throughout the day. Well done to you all.

YEAR 9

We have exciting news.....

The current Yr 9 have chosen their options and I am delighted to say that a huge number of pupils opted to take Performing Arts in Yr 9. This is a new course that sees the music department working even more closely with Drama and Dance.



OUR HOUSE

Yet another very successful summer production! Congratulations to all of the cast members who performed to a full house 3 nights on the trot. Please remember to order your DVD's from the music department when you get a chance. You will see some photos going up in the next few weeks too. A fantastic



achievement and effort from all of you.

EXAM RESULTS

Congratulations to all of our Yr 11's who performed brilliantly in their GCSE music. **Four pupils achieved grade A*, eight pupils achieved grade A, six pupils achieved grade B, three pupils achieved grade C, two pupils achieved grade D.**



We are so proud of you all. A special mention to Noah Canby (A*) who only dropped 8 marks in the whole of his GCSE music and to Elisha Edwards, Alice Creasey and Edward Ball who also achieved A*. A very well done to **all** of our music pupils. We look forward to hearing all about your musical ventures as the years go by.

EVENTS

There are a few concerts and events coming up in the next couple of months....

We will be performing at our **Open Evening** on October 3rd, **Eastbourne Proms** on the 6th

November and our **Prize Evening** will be on the 8th November. We will start the rehearsal process for all of these events during the first few weeks of term.

ORCHESTRA: NEWS ALERT!

I am delighted to tell you that Mr Roadknight will be returning to the college on a Monday 3.15pm until 4.15pm to continue with the orchestra sessions. Please encourage anybody who plays an instrument to attend these important rehearsal sessions.

NEW STAFF in the MUSIC DEPARTMENT

It gives me great pleasure to introduce two new members of staff who will be joining me in the music department until Christmas 2017. **Miss Kargbo-Reffell** will be teaching KS3 classroom music and **Miss Savage** will be supporting the GCSE pupils along with running extra-curricular clubs on a Monday and Friday. I really look forward to working alongside these talented musicians and I hope that they will be very happy in their new roles in the music department.

PLEASE look out for all of the new music clubs that will be happening this year. If your child is interested in having instrumental lessons in school, please ask them to come and see me in Mu1 or don't hesitate to email for more information at: mrsbyrner@strichardscc.com

Here's to a fantastic year ahead and lots of music making!

Mrs Byrne, Acting Subject Leader – Music

MUSIC DEPARTMENT CLUBS (starting date: 18th September 2017)

	CLUBS	Lunchtime @ 1.00pm	After School 3.15pm to 4.15pm
MONDAY	Electronic Club Orchestra Songwriting School	Electronic Club	Orchestra Songwriting School
TUESDAY	Music Team Meeting Choir	Music Team Meeting	Choir
WEDNESDAY	Garage Band Club GCSE Intervention	Garage Band Club	GCSE Intervention
THURSDAY	GCSE Club GCSE Intervention	GCSE Club	GCSE Intervention
FRIDAY	Campfire Songs Band Night	Campfire Songs	Band Night



Classics & Latin



"The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet" - Aristotle

CLASSICS CLUB

Open to new recruits from any year group. Are you interested in exploring ancient societies, finding out how they lived or the stories they told? Classics Club is open to all years. Previous projects have included: creating Ancient Greek Vases, making a model of the Colosseum and writing stories in the style of Greek myths. This term, we will be investigating Pompeii and creating a model of a key part of the site! Pop along at lunch-time on Tuesdays (1:00-1:30) in A11.

LATIN TWILIGHT

There will be a slight change to Latin this year, which will re-commence on a Tuesday from 3:15pm-4:00pm. A reminder to all current members, we will be revising for the first couple of weeks, after which you will have an opportunity to complete an assessment for internal certification. Remember, vocabulary is everything, so don't forget to access our memrise course which can be found here:

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

Latin club is currently closed to new members, however it will be re-opening shortly! Any pupil who is interested is welcome to use the books and follow the Cambridge Latin Course online course during Classics Club on Wednesday lunchtime. Please see Mrs Avery in A11 for further details if you are interested in attending this lesson in the future.

YEAR 9

Interested in finding out more about GCSE Classical Civilisation? Come along to Mrs Avery's pop up Classics lesson on Friday 06.10.17 at lunchtime, A11!

GCSE CLASSICAL CIVILISATION

Congratulations to our year 11 leavers on a superb set of examination results! 92% achieved A*-C grades, with 46% achieving the highest grades (A*-A) and 100% achieving A*-D. This is an immense achievement for our first Classics group. It is a demanding course in many ways and you should feel very proud of your results.

YEAR 11

The class worked hard on their Controlled Assessment unit before the summer. This needs to be completed by October. For those who need to develop the research they undertook over the summer and for anyone needing support, a weekly support session will run after school on Tuesdays 3:15pm-4:15pm in A11. In the second term we will commence our final unit, Pompeii. We will be revisiting and revising previous units throughout the year.

Mrs Avery — Classics and Latin Co-ordinator



E-SAFETY BULLETIN

NEW PARENTS

In an ever growing technological world, it is of vital importance to understand the possible online dangers, how to safeguard your children and where to go to seek further support. The E-safety Bulletin will provide you with termly advice to keep you informed on how to stay safe online.

GROOMING AND SEXUAL ABUSE

CEOP is a command of the National Crime Agency and are dedicated to protecting children from sexual abuse and exploitation both online and offline. You can report concerns about grooming and sexual abuse directly to CEOP. Remember, as a parent or carer you know your child better than anyone. If you feel something isn't right, you can report it to CEOP.

When should I report?

If you're worried that your child is being groomed online or sexually exploited you should report your concerns to CEOP. It is not always easy to spot the signs of online grooming and sexual exploitation so if you have any concern at all about someone your child is in contact with, you should get in touch. You should always report if your child is or has been in contact with someone who is:

- Chatting online to your child about sex
- Asking them to do sexual things on webcam
- Asking to meet up if they've only met them online
- Requesting sexual pictures
- Forcing them into sexual activity
- Making them feel unsafe

CEOP can investigate what is happening – with the assurance that the safety and well-being of your child is paramount at all times. **If you are concerned that your child is in immediate danger, please call 999.**

How do I make a report?

You can find information and advice on reporting and make a report directly to CEOP using the CEOP Safety Centre - <https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre>. You will need to complete an online form which will ask you for your contact details and information about what has happened. It will ask:

- What happened?
- Who did it happen to?
- What do you know about the suspect involved?

You should complete the form as fully as you can but don't worry if you don't have all of the details. Do I have to give my name? When completing a CEOP report you are reporting suspicions of crime to law enforcement so they cannot receive anonymous reports. If you want to discuss your concerns with someone first then call the NSPCC Helpline on 0800 800 5000.

Who receives the report and what happens next?

All of the reports are first reviewed by child protection social workers. They will:

- Read the report and assess the risk to your child
- Look to make contact with you to discuss next steps
- Give safeguarding advice and support
- Support your child

It is important to remember that it can be difficult for a child to come forward and tell an adult what has happened to them – they are often embarrassed, fear adults won't understand, scared they will get into trouble or that adults will over-react. Ensure you tell your child that whatever has happened, it is not their fault and you are on their side. Finding out your child has been sexually abused can be a traumatic experience.

Mr Fegan, Subject Leader - Computing and ICT

Drama Department

Drama
Club

YEAR 7

Tuesdays



1.10 - 1.40

**Advanced skills
Workshop &
Liturgy Prep (all years)**

Thursdays

3.15 - 4.15



Hello and welcome back to a fresh new year at St Richard's, I hope you had as restful a break as I did.

GCSE RESULTS:

First and foremost I must congratulate the drama class of 2017 on their GCSE results. I am so proud of the commitment and enthusiasm they demonstrated throughout the course and the hard work they put in and I wish them every success in their future endeavours. I'm sure I'll see their names in lights one day!

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

There's a lot to look forward to this year and I am hoping the pupils of St Richard's will continue to support the Performing Arts in college by taking part in as many extra-curricular activities as they can. Drama clubs are running Tuesday lunchtimes for our new recruits in Year 7 and I have added an after-school advanced workshop for all the budding actors out there who are keen to get on our stage and share their talents with the community. This workshop is

open to all years, and I would love to create a theatre company from the group of attendees.

So if you're eager to work creatively as part of a performance team - please come along; the more the merrier!

YEAR 9 PERFORMING ARTS

A new addition to the curriculum this year is Performing Arts lessons for Year 9. We have introduced it as a way of recognising and nurturing the huge variety of performance and creative talent we have here at St Richard's and we are thrilled to be taking 90 pupils through this brand new course this year. We would love to be able to offer Performing Arts both at GCSE and vocationally so we are looking forward to seeing what the pupils can achieve.



ARTS AWARD

Year 9 pupils will also have the added pleasure of completing their Arts Award alongside their performing Arts lessons, so every pupil will receive an accredited arts qualification at the end of this year. Good luck Year 9 - we know you're going to do us proud as always.

ARTS CHAMPIONS

Please pop by and see me with any questions regarding this year, I am never far from the drama studio. I am also on the lookout for Arts Champions this year to be ambassadors of the subject - if you feel you have the leadership qualities to wear that badge, please talk to me.

'OUR HOUSE' SCRIPTS:

Finally, there were a few unreturned or damaged 'Our House' scripts which have had to be paid for. In order to stop the depletion of our school show budget for next year, the pupils responsible for those scripts will receive an invoice shortly.

Here's to a joyful, creative and energetic 2017-2018!

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

Library News

The Library has had a fresh coat of paint over the summer, which meant all the books had to come off the shelves and be stored in boxes, whilst the shelving was moved out of the way to enable our excellent caretaking team to re-decorate. The books are now all thankfully back where they belong, and the Library feels so much fresher and brighter.

I thought I would start the new academic year by welcoming our new Year 7s, and by reminding everyone of all the great things we do and all the opportunities in the Library.

How can we help? Your School Library can help you in your studies with non-fiction and reference books. We also have lots of books to read for fun and we rent out DVDs. There are computers for you to use for

homework and research. Our pupil librarians are here at break and lunch times to help you find what you need. **Open:** 8:30-4:30 Monday-Thursday and 8:30-3:30 Friday.

Who can use the Library? **YOU** can! Every person in the school can use the Library! All new pupils are issued with a Library Barcode Key Ring when they join the school (Hint—**Don't** Lose It—It's £1 for a new one!). Year 7 and 8 pupils have weekly library lessons where reading for pleasure and to improve vocabulary and understanding are encouraged. Year 9 pupils are often in with their English teachers and Years 10 and 11 use the computers and revision guides for homework and exam preparation.

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

You may also borrow laptops from the library for use in class as directed by your teachers.

You **MUST** present your Library Key Ring in order to borrow items from us.

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

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

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



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

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

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| • Pens, Ballpoint - Blue/Black/Red/Green | 15p | • Clear Pencil Cases | 70p |
| • Pens, Handwriting - blue/black | 17p | • Protractors | 8p |
| • Highlighters | 28p | • Pair of compasses | 30p |
| • Pencils | 10p | • Plastic Exercise Book Covers | 27p / 35p |
| • Glue Sticks | 25p | • Geometry Sets | £2.00 |
| • Pencil Sharpeners | 8p | • Note pads | 30p |
| • Erasers | 15p | • Paperclips (10) | 5p |
| • Tracing Paper, per sheet | 10p | • Baby Stapler | 80p |
| • Rulers | 15p / 9p | • Staples, box of 5000 | 35p |
| • Colour Pencils, set of 12 | 55p | • Poly pockets (10) | 15p |
| • Scissors (right or left handed) | 32p | • In-ear headphones | £4.00 |
| • Purple Pens | 25p | | |
| • Sticky tape, roll | 20p | | |

Film Club News Our SEN Film Clubbers enjoyed a range of films in the last academic year, and I



hope to soon invite new Year 7s to take up this opportunity. Should your child receive an invitation to join, please consider the benefits of participation in this club.

Book Quote of the Month – to encourage all our new Year 7s:

“You can always find a friend in a good book”

Update- Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers Library Collection– Thank you to everyone who sent in Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers - we collected 3933 by the deadline, and extras sent in after that will contribute to our total next year. This is a fabulous achievement, and enabled us to claim not one, but **TWO** Trangia 25-1 Stoves and Burners for our Duke of Edinburgh expedition pupils. We were also able to claim **TWO** Expeditionary First Aid Kits with this total, so not only will our cold and weary children get a hot meal before tucking in to sleep in the great outdoors, but should something untoward occur, they will have handy kits to help with the odd blister, burnt finger, sprained ankle! (Let's hope they are never needed!) Many thanks to all those who sent vouchers in - you are all stars!

Ms Tocknell, Librarian



Chaplaincy News

On behalf of all the Chaplaincy team at St Richard's, a very warm welcome to the new members of our college and our new staff members. We wish a fond farewell to those who left us at the end of the last school year, in particular to Mr Byrne for all his support of Chaplaincy events and Mr Roadknight who helped provide such beautiful music at so many events; we wish them well in the future. Welcome back also to everyone else. I hope you had a good break over the summer and are feeling fit for the year ahead.

Liturgy Reps

Liturgy Reps play a very important part in the spiritual life of the college and I am looking forward to working with all elected reps. Our Liturgy Captain - Chris Varghese and Deputies - Katie Nash and Dominic Sharp committed to the service of Spiritual life in college and received their badges on the first day of term. They are looking forward to leading the Liturgy Rep team. Our first meeting is on Wednesday, 27th September at 12.45pm in the Library. Forms have been busy electing the Reps and I look forward to meeting them all soon.

End of Year Mass July 2017

Sadly, the rain meant that our end of year Mass had to be held indoors this year. However, we were able to have two lovely celebrations in the hall. Our theme reminded us to take God with us on our holidays... not a bad thing to remember. At the end of the final Mass we had the opportunity to bid a fond farewell to a number of staff and then the exciting announcement of the new Head Boy and Girl. Congratulations to Jack Eaton and Maisie Edwards I look forward to working with them in the coming year. I was also pleased to announce our new Liturgy Captain and Deputy Liturgy Captains. Congratulations to Chris Varghese (Year 11) who will serve as our Captain, Chris has been a committed Liturgy Rep over the past four years and I look forward to working with him this year. To assist Chris in leading the Liturgy Rep team is Katie Nash (Year 11) and Dominic Sharp (Year 10). Congratulations to them, too.

Beginning of the Year Masses

Each year group attended Mass in college on their first day back and we were fortunate to have 3 different priests representing all corners of our Diocese with us to celebrate the Masses: Fr Barry Anderson from Christ the King Parish, Fr Chris Benyon a retired priest now residing in Seaford and Fr Raglan Haywill from Our Lady of Ransom, Eastbourne. Deacon Ian also joined us for all 3 Masses and my thanks to him for giving so much of his time. My thanks to all who read, served and sang, especially our new Year 7...well done!

Church Visits

The Year 7 Church visits to St Mary Magdalene's Church in Bexhill take place during term one. Please can parents/carers sign their son/daughter's journals to indicate that they have permission to take part in these visits.

Grandparents Event in School - Thursday, 12th October 2017

Following on from our successful Grandparents' Event last year, we would like to invite grandparents of pupils to come into school on Thursday, 12th October for Mass and refreshments in the Library, and then a tour of the school undertaken by their grandchildren. Times will be confirmed and put on our website and in Parish Newsletters nearer to the time. We are aware many elderly in our parishes have grandchildren living far away so we would like to extend the invitation to them to come along and join us too.

Mini Form Retreat for Year 7 -

In term one, I will be taking each form for a half day retreat to St Mary Magdalene's Church Hall. The retreats take place as follows -

- Thursday 21st September - 7F (reg to P3) and 7L (P4-P6)
- Monday 25th September - 7O (reg to P3) and 7U (P4-P6)
- Monday 2nd October - 7R (reg to P3) and 7I (P4-P6)
- Monday 9th October - 7S(reg to P3) and 7H (P4-P6)

I will be giving each form group a letter with more details prior to their retreat. Please look out for this.

Year 6 Retreat

In July we invited three of our feeder primary schools: Sacred Heart, St Mary Magdalenes and St Mary Star of the Sea, into St Richard's for a retreat day. It was lovely to get to know the pupils who were to join us in September. Pupils attended workshops on liturgical Music and Dance, Biblical Drama and they created a personal prayer journal to take home. We concluded the day with a short service which Deacon Ian Moon led for us. My thanks to Mr Roadknight, Mrs Knight and Mrs Dunster for facilitating the workshops on the day and to Deacon Ian for joining us. Finally, a huge thank you to the teachers and staff from the 3 primary schools, without whom pupils would not have been able to come on the day. Finally, thank you to all the year 6's who entered into the activities with enthusiasm. It was a lovely day and we hope to repeat it next year.



Friday Morning Mass for staff and pupils

Every Friday at 8.10am Mass is celebrated in room A3. All staff and pupils are warmly invited to attend. If pupils would like to take part by serving, reading, singing or helping with the Offertory, then they should let me know. If you have any intentions/prayers for the Mass please send me an email.

Spectrum Bereavement Groups

St Richard's is a 'RAINBOWS' school. This means that we offer a 10 week programme for pupils who have experienced a death, divorce or other painful transition in their family. The groups are called 'Spectrum' and meet for 50 minutes once a week during the school day. If you would like more information about these groups, please contact Mrs Kelly, either by telephone or e-mail(mrskellym@strichardsc.com).

Finally, do feel free to get in touch with regard to any aspect of Chaplaincy, in person, by phone or by email. With every blessing for the year ahead,

Jo Doyle

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

PE Department News



DANCE

Firstly, I would like to congratulate all pupils who took part in the end of year school show 'Our House'. Thank you for all your hard work in making the show so successful and to all who supported the Performing Arts Team. DVDs and Photos are available to

purchase from the Music Department.



DANCE COMPANY AUDITIONS

Auditions for The Dance Company this year will be taking place after school on **Tuesday 19th September in the Hall**. Auditions will commence at 3.20pm until 4.10pm. I'm really looking forward to seeing the fantastic range of dance talent St Richard's has to offer! To audition all you need to do is attend. Don't worry if you haven't had any dance training – I will be looking for all kinds of dancers and all kinds of personalities. All you need is energy and commitment.

If you are successful, regular rehearsals will be after school. **You will need to commit to attending all rehearsals.**

We are currently working on new choreography and preparing for performances both within school and in the community. We have a busy term ahead and I will be sending the dates out shortly.

We have many extra-curricular clubs and I look forward to welcoming new members:

<u>Dance Company Rehearsals</u>	
<u>Monday</u>	3.15-4.15pm Dance Company
<u>Tuesday</u>	3.15-4.15pm Dance Company
<u>Wednesday</u>	3.15-4.15pm Dance Company
<u>Friday</u>	3.15-4.15pm Boys Dance Company

Mrs Knight, Dance teacher

P.E. DEPARTMENT CLUBS/PRACTICES (SEPT - OCT 2017)

	Boys	Girls	Lunchtime
MONDAY	BADMINTON	BADMINTON	BASKETBALL KS3 GIRLS
TUESDAY	FOOTBALL MATCH NIGHT BASKETBALL KS4	UPPER SCHOOL FOOTBALL	BASKETBALL KS3 BOYS
WEDNESDAY	RUGBY Year 8 – 11 FOOTBALL MATCH NIGHT	UPPER SCHOOL NETBALL LOWER SCHOOL FOOTBALL	BASKETBALL KS4 GIRLS
THURSDAY	FOOTBALL MATCH NIGHT	LOWER SCHOOL NETBALL	TABLE TENNIS
FRIDAY	ALL YEARS FOOTBALL	UPPER BASKETBALL	BASKETBALL KS4 BOYS

Show My Homework

'Show My Homework' is an online homework calendar that helps pupils and parents track their homework. Each pupil has a unique log on which enables them to see all of the details of the homework that they have been set.



All new pupils, including all of Year 7, have been shown how to access their account in school.

Parents also have access to their own 'Show My Homework' account in which they will be able to see the homework that their child has received including submission dates and other information. As well as giving you a deeper insight into the homework your child receives, it will also help you support your child's organisation, time-management, and help them to keep on top of their workload.

In order to generate parental accounts, it is essential that we have up-to-date and accurate contact information, including a personal email address. Pupils have been issued with a 'Getting Started' sheet which contains your unique parental log PIN and instructions on how to reset your password.

If you have already activated your parental account, your log-on details and password will remain unchanged from last year.

Once you have your log on details, simply visit: <http://strichardscc.showmyhomework.co.uk> to view our school's live homework calendar and log in.

If you or your child have any questions about the service, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the team at Show My Homework, who are always happy to help. Just email help@showmyhomework.co.uk or call 0207 197 9550. Alternatively, you can contact IT support at the college on 01424 731070 Extension 611 or by email: itsupport@strichardscc.com.

EXAMINATIONS REPORT - 2016-2017

My sincere congratulations to all staff at the college for the tremendous results achieved by our pupils.

82.5% of pupils achieved 5 or more A*-C grades including English and maths at grade 4. This is well above the National and the County averages. (National 68% BASICS)

52% of pupils achieved 5 or more A*-C grades including English and maths at grade 5. This is well above the National and the County averages (No comparable figure from last year). (National 50% BASICS)

BASICS figures match the above (all pupils with a 4 or 5 in Maths and English scored at least 3 additional C grades) (County averages are 38% EM5+ and 61%EM4+)

88% of pupils achieved 5 or more A*-C grades including all subjects.

46% achieved the baccalaureate (%C+ and grade 4 inc. English, Maths, Science, MFL and Humanities)

39% achieved the baccalaureate (%C+ and grade 5 inc. English, Maths, Science, MFL and Humanities)

Of the year group of 206:

Including English and Maths

1 pupils achieved 14 A*-C
 10 pupils achieved 13 A*-C
 26 pupils achieved 12 or more A*-C
 52 pupils achieved 11 or more A*-C
 98 pupils achieved 10 or more A*-C
 128 pupils achieved 9 or more A*-C
 152 pupils achieved 8 or more A*-C
 160 pupils achieved 7 or more A*-C
 167 pupils achieved 6 or more A*-C
 169 pupils achieved 5 or more A*-C

In all subjects.

1 pupils achieved 14 A*-C
 10 pupils achieved 13 A*-C
 26 pupils achieved 12 or more A*-C
 52 pupils achieved 11 or more A*-C
 97 pupils achieved 10 or more A*-C
 127 pupils achieved 9 or more A*-C
 151 pupils achieved 8 or more A*-C
 171 pupils achieved 7 or more A*-C
 178 pupils achieved 6 or more A*-C
 181 pupils achieved 5 or more A*-C

Congratulations to all the following groups and pupils for their results in the early entries:

Year 10 RE: of the 28 pupils entered, they achieved 11 A*, 12 A grades and 5 B grades.

Year 11 AS RE: of the 18 entered, 8 gained A, 4 B, 6 C

Dr Durkin's Year 9 Astronomy group. 93% achieved C or above in Y9

Additional Language - Individual Results Year 9:

Dutch

Lucas Van Zutphen A

French

Michael Cornfield A*

German

Lily McGregor A*

Polish

Filip Marcianik A*

Thomas Bocon A*

Tomasz Dziekanowski A

Natalia Opalka A

Maciej Marczak B

Russian

Elizabeth Orden A*

Ilija Jelifankins A*

Spanish

Santiago Garrido A*

Victoria Angel Sanchez A

Andrea De Freitas Rodriguez A

Milena Redsell A

Additional Language - Individual Results Year 8:

Italian

William Holland A*

Russian

Alona Bondareva A*

Maria Isaeva A*

Daniella Papukasvili A*

Newsletter Acknowledgement

Don't forget to sign the newsletter acknowledgement no. 1 located in your son/daughter's journal.

St Richard's Catholic College Calendar - Academic Year 2017/2018 (as at September 2017)
Please keep this sheet in a safe place and replace when updates are provided

Ensuring Success at Key Stage 3, Years 8 and 9
 PTFA Post-Summer Social at the Manor Barn
 PTFA Welcome Meeting & AGM
 Coffee Morning for Year 7 parents (drop-in)
 Open Evening for prospective pupils and parents
 BLOCK Day
 Teaching and Learning Tour for parents (all welcome)
 Grandparents' Event (Mass, tour and refreshments)
 Year 11 Revision Day and Evening
 Year 7 Induction Mass
 MUFTI Day for School Council charities
 End of Term 1

First Day of Term Two for pupils

Secondary Schools' Proms Concert, De La Warr
 Parental Focus Group (am)
 Prize Evening, De La Warr Pavilion
 Parental Focus Group (pm)
 Year 7 Settling In Parents' Evening
 MUFTI Day for Surviving Christmas charity
 Christmas Dinner Day
 Advent Service
 End of Term 2

First Day of Term Three for pupils

Year 9 Parents' Evening
 Parental Focus Group (am)
 Parental Focus Group (pm)
 Year 9 Curriculum Evening
 Careers Fayre (in the college gym)
 Year 11 Parents' Evening
 PTFA meeting
 End of Term 3

First Day of Term Four for pupils

Music Showcase
 Parental Focus Group (am)
 Year 8 Parents' Evening
 SENCo Drop-In (for parents of pupils with SEN)
 Parental Focus Group (pm)
 End of Term 4 (Easter Services for pupils)

First Day of Term Five for pupils

PTFA meeting
 Year 10 Parents' Evening
 Parental Focus Group (am)
 Parental Focus Group (pm)
 Year 7 Parents' Evening
 End of Term 5

First Day of Term Six for pupils

PTFA meeting
 Year 9 Performing Arts Showcase
 Parental Focus Group (am)
 Parental Focus Group (pm)
 New Intake Evening for September 2018 admissions
 MUFTI Day for the Summer Fayre
 INSET DAY
 PTFA Summer Fayre
 BLOCK Day
 CREST Awards Evening
 Summer Production
 End of Term 6

Wednesday, 20th September (6:30pm)
 Friday, 22nd September (7:30pm)
 Monday, 25th September (7pm)
 Thursday, 28th September (8:45am-10:30am)
 Tuesday, 3rd October (6:pm-8:30pm)
 Thursday, 5th October
 Wednesday, 11th October (9:10am-10:50am)
 Thursday, 12th October (**time to be confirmed**)
 Wednesday, 18th October (6pm for parents)
 Thursday, 19th October (7pm)
 Friday, 20th October
 Friday, 20th October

Monday, 30th October

Monday, 6th November (7pm)
 Wednesday, 8th November (9:15am)
 Wednesday, 8th November (6:30pm for 7:00pm start)
 Thursday, 16th November (6:15pm)
 Thursday, 23rd November (5pm-8pm)
 Thursday, 14th December
 Thursday, 14th December
 Tuesday, 19th December (7pm)
 Wednesday, 20th December

Wednesday, 3rd January 2018

Thursday, 11th January (5pm-8pm)
 Wednesday, 17th January (9:15am)
 Thursday, 18th January (6:15pm)
 Thursday, 25th January (7pm)
 Thursday, 1st February (2pm-4pm)
 Thursday, 1st February (5pm-8pm)
 Monday, 5th February (7pm)
 Friday 9th February

Monday, 19th February 2018

Wednesday, 28th February (7pm)
 Wednesday, 7th March (9:15am)
 Thursday, 15th March (5pm-8pm)
 Tuesday, 20th March (3:15pm-5pm), Library
 Thursday, 22nd March (6:15pm)
 Thursday, 29th March

Monday, 16th April 2018

Monday, 16th April (7pm)
 Thursday, 26th April (5pm-8pm)
 Wednesday, 2nd May (9:15am)
 Thursday, 3rd May (6:15pm)
 Thursday, 17th May (5pm-8pm)
 Friday, 25th May

Monday, 4th June 2018

Monday, 4th June (7pm)
 7th and 8th June (6pm)
 Wednesday, 13th June (9:15am)
 Thursday, 14th June (6:15pm)
 Wednesday, 20th June (7pm)
 Thursday, 21st June
 Monday, 25th June
 Saturday, 30th June
 Tuesday, 3rd July
 Thursday, 5th July (6pm)
 11th, 12th and 13th July (evening performances)
 Friday, 20th July