



# St. Richard's Catholic College

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



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## Newsletter No. 2 – October 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

Term One has been really positive and productive. Pupils have settled to their studies with a determined approach; many have engaged in leadership and extra-curricular activities and they have shown support to each other. I have been particularly impressed with the care demonstrated by our Prefects to our new Year Seven, helping them to settle in. Long may this continue!

Can I thank you, as parents/carers, for the excellent turn out at the Curriculum Information Evenings (all slides are on the website); for your support of the Parental Focus Groups (am and pm) and for your participation at the first PTFA meeting of the year which was really well-attended, along with your support of the Post-Summer social. This was a really successful evening enjoyed by all who attended and it raised £825 for items to be selected by the pupils. It was lovely to meet lots of grandparents yesterday and it was heartening to see the pride of the pupils as they led them on a tour of the school. I would also like to thank parents/carers for allowing their children to act as Ambassadors for the school at our Open Evening on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October. This is an important evening in the life of the school and the pupils always receive particular praise for the way they welcome visitors and demonstrate their learning. Over 300 pupils participated so thank you for making this possible. Our visitors were really impressed.

I would like to pay tribute to the Head Boy, Jack Eaton, and Head Girl, Maisie Edwards, who along with some members of their Senior Team (Emily Balaban, Ben Stotesbury-Byrne, Panashe Makwiramiti and Louis Lipsham) supported the Year Six Roadshows with Maisie and Jack giving speeches on extra-curricular life and getting involved. Congratulations as well to Year 7 pupils: Marnie Horan and Charlie Tanner who delivered inspiring speeches to over 600 families on Open Evening. Thanks too to the twenty-five other speech writers in Year Seven whose speeches we did not have time to use.

Activities/events this term have included: careers talks by members of our Alumni; a science trip to Greenwich; maths challenges at Sussex University; a trip to the Natural History museum; beach visits; a swimming gala; sports competitions; roadshows and Block Day activities. Still to come is the Year 11 revision strategies evening on 18<sup>th</sup> October; the Year 8/9 trip to Barcelona leaving on 19<sup>th</sup> October; CAT camp leaving on 23<sup>rd</sup> October and the D of E practice expedition tomorrow. As we approach the end of Term One we look forward to the Year Seven Induction Mass which is a blessing on Year 7 and their families. I do hope that every parent/carer will try to attend.

I am pleased to inform you that Mrs Mead has given birth to Thea. Congratulations to the whole family. Can I ask you to continue to keep Mrs Midghall in your prayers as she convalesces from major surgery and also pray for the wives of Mr Howe and Mr Smith who are due to give birth in early November. Finally, can I thank Mr Smart, Product Design teacher, who has been covering this term and sharing his expertise. Next term, we are delighted to welcome Mrs White to the Product Design department and school and we wish her a long, happy and fulfilling career here.

Have a really happy holiday. Thank you for all your support this term. The staff and I look forward to the pupils' return on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> October, refreshed and ready to take on the challenges and opportunities of Term 2. Bishop Richard is due to visit on the first day to spend time with the pupils and visit their lessons.

Yours sincerely

Miss D Cronin  
Principal



## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS



In the last few weeks I have attended both the Open Day for prospective new pupils and their parents and the Grandparents' Day event. What I found particularly impressive on the Open Day was the number of pupils and teachers prepared to come back after a hard day's work to showcase the school and its various departments. I think the 600 plus people who attended were suitably impressed. The Year 7s took a full and active part and appear to have really settled into life at St Richard's. Well done.

You may have wondered what is the purpose of Governors and who they are. Governors have three key roles: providing a strategic overview by helping to decide the school's strategy for improvement; acting as a critical friend to the school, and ensuring accountability to you as parents, the Diocese, and the wider community for a good quality of education for all pupils. If you would like to know a little more about who we are, check out the Governor section on the school website.

This term we have started to review, with Miss Cronin and Subject Leaders, the plans to ensure all departments have strategies in place for continued improvement. This means that when we come into school during the year, we have a focus for our visits and can find out about the progress being made against targets.

We have a vacancy on the Governing Body for a Foundation Governor, that is one appointed by the Diocese to represent the interests of the Catholic Church in education. We are particularly looking for someone with financial expertise. If you are interested in being considered or would like to know more please contact me or Miss Cronin.

Enjoy the end of term break.

God bless

*Alison Horan, Chair of Governors*

## YEAR SEVEN NEWS



As we approach the end of a very exciting and busy term I would like to congratulate all of Year Seven on their hard work and friendly manner. They are already creating excellent impressions on staff and visitors to the college. A particular mention should be given to all the volunteers who helped at Open Evening. An incredible 25 pupils also submitted and then auditioned to speak to the year sixes and their parents. Over 600 people listened intently to **Marnie Horan** and **Charlie Tanner** describing their first four weeks in college. Miss Cronin and I were extremely proud of them, well done! Another great success was the

Transition Evening for Parents held on 13<sup>th</sup> September. Over 90 parents/carers attended and I am sure they would agree it was worthwhile. The trip to London was great fun and I would like to thank the pupils for their exemplary behaviour. A report on the day can be found in the Science Department news.

The **Induction Mass** is rapidly approaching and I look forward to seeing everyone there to receive a blessing on their child's journey through St Richard's. Please remember that after the Mass there are refreshments served and an opportunity to meet your child's new friend's parents/carers.

**House Keeping:** As always I would like to bring to your attention a couple of items which will aid us all in supporting your child:

- (1) Boys' haircuts. Please be aware that we do not allow boys to have hair that is too short around the sides and back and then long on the top. The hair must be blended in. The pupils are aware of this rule.
- (2) I am trying very hard to reunite lost items. However, this is made harder by many pupils still not having their clothing named. Please can parents/carers help here.
- (3) Packing bags the night before. This is a really useful tip to avoid mistakes being made in the rush of the mornings. Furthermore, checking that pupils have only got the books for that day will help avoid heavy bags!

I hope parents are enjoying the new **School Gateway App** to keep track on the progress of their child. If you are still not on this please contact Mr Hollingsworth (IT Services Manager) at [mrhollingsworthm@strichardsgcc.com](mailto:mrhollingsworthm@strichardsgcc.com) or via our telephone switchboard. You will also have noticed that events are also being placed on Show my Homework for you to be aware of. All pupils have access to the extra-curricular clubs on Show my Homework as well.

**PSHEe** for Term Two will include the following themes: bullying (linking in with Anti- Bullying week), a visit by the Guide Dogs for the Blind and the Gideon's Society, British Values, peer pressure and teen mental health.

Mr Bligh, Pastoral Leader Year 7 [mrblighj@strichardsgcc.com](mailto:mrblighj@strichardsgcc.com)

## YEAR EIGHT NEWS



Year 8 pupils have made a very positive start to the academic year. Please encourage them to stay organised, manage their workload and balance it with participation across the range of extra-curricular activities that are on offer for them.

**Charity Work:** Pupils are discussing and making plans for a variety of charity activities in their forms. We are also planning a Year Group Social Event.

**PSHEe:** The main focus this terms centres around emotional well-being, including motivation, stress and self-image/esteem. During next term, pupils will work on 'Positive Friendships and Anti-Bullying'. These topics are vital for Year 8 pupils to explore and discuss as they are learning more about themselves and their influence and effect on each other.

**Be the Best You Can Be:** Year 8 have begun our 'Be the Best You Can Be' programme which aims to inspire our pupils to engage with the ethos and values of the Olympic and Paralympic Games, fostering the Olympian spirit and helping pupils to be more self-aware, self-confident and self-responsible. Our Block Day on Thursday, 5th October focused on this and proved to be a very enjoyable and successful day with pupils fully involved in the variety of activities they experienced.

Thank you to 8U for an inspirational form assembly on the theme of 'ambitions' and to 8R for a lovely and prayerful form Service.



**Extra-Curricular Clubs:** Please take time to ensure that your son/daughter is making the most of the array of extra-curricular activities, clubs and sports that are on offer. Encourage your child to check the activities board in the main corridor and get involved!

Miss Easton, Pastoral Leader Year 8 ([misseastonk@strichardsgcc.com](mailto:misseastonk@strichardsgcc.com))

## YEAR NINE NEWS



I am pleased to say that the Year 9 pupils have, on the whole, made an excellent start to life back at school. I am delighted to be able to welcome four new pupils to our year and, in particular, to form 9H with Miss Auzinger, namely: Jude Deedigan, Shreya Jasthy, Jessica Kent and Taylor Potter. It is critical that our Year 9 pupils slip back into positive routines, staying on top of homework and meeting deadlines. I encourage you to keep an eye on [www.showmyhomework.com](http://www.showmyhomework.com) and to get familiar with [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com) via the webpage or app. We have a 88.5%

sign up on the School Gateway and I'm hoping to hit 100% soon. It is a really useful tool to keep in touch with how your child is doing at school. Please do sign up, if you haven't yet.

**Charity Work:** Form Captains were chosen by each form and are responsible for driving each form's charity fundraising activity this year. Please do have a conversation with your child and see how creative they can be.





We will be continuing the legacy of Sophie Taylor by fundraising for The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity again this year. On Wednesday, 4th October, Miss Auzinger, Mrs Scott and I had the pleasure of welcoming Sophie's mum to the school again to receive a cheque for £1,000 on behalf of the charity. Year 9 pupils participated in a Swimathon at Battle Abbey pool in July and raised most of the money, following it up with charity sales in school to hit the £1,000 mark. The pupils continue to reminisce about Sophie and I know her words and actions continue to inspire her friends and classmates. We are making plans for further creative events this year. Please do watch this space and support when you can.

**Liturgy:** Form 9F and Mr Beaumont participated in a Form Mass with Father Barry on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> September. The theme of the Mass was Forgiveness. Mr Beaumont was impressed with the participation of his tutees and the thought provoking homily from Father Barry. Pupils were encouraged to think about the responsibility each of us has to the language we use and the subsequent actions others may take. World Leaders were referenced to make this point. On Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> October, we enjoyed an assembly created and presented by 9R, with the support of Mrs Scott.

**PSHEe:** Pupils are continuing a series of lessons focussing on Relationship and Sex Education. At the start of next term, work will move on to Emotional Health and Well-being. This unit considers aspects of body confidence and explores subjects from the media to mental health concerns. Please do engage in conversation and see what has happened during a Tuesday PSHEe lesson.

**Rewards:** In Year 9, I will be analysing the pupils' behaviour records and achievement points each term, which you will be aware of via the School Gateway. Those who excel each term will be entered into the Wheel of Fortune at the final assembly and may just be lucky enough to walk away with a modestly sized voucher as a thank you for their efforts. Please do keep in touch with the Gateway and celebrate too.

**Achievements:** Part of the benefit of carrying through the same Year group is that I am learning more about the many talents of our fantastic pupils, which I love to celebrate at assembly.



Chiara Wells continues to share her talents by donating Art to the National Trust's 'Secret Art Sale'. Amelie Bennett achieved Grade 4 with distinction in Violin from the ABRSM.



Millie White came first in the South of England Junior Ballet and Modern Championships, in addition to a second in Tap! Jasmine Moulding was selected for the U14 FA Regional Talent 'Club Squad' at Brighton & Hove Albion. Sophia Rudko is now ranked as the number 1 U14 Female Tennis player in Sussex. Niall Shimmons was short listed in the Hailsham 3 minute film competition as part of the Hailsham Film Festival. Finally, since winning the National Field Archery Championships in May, Jack Massey has gone on to win the U16 National Field Archery Southern Championship, held in July in Hampshire, where he outscored all adults in the shooting class. What a talented group of young people we have. Please do contact me with information and pictures about your child's successes outside of school.



**Extra-Curricular Clubs:** The pupils will be leaving Year 11 before you can fry an egg! Please do encourage your child to take a courageous leap and try a club or activity. It's a great way to enjoy a different aspect of school and make friends with pupils they may not share classes with. Remind your children to check the activities board in the main corridor and give something new a go!

Mr Carradine, Pastoral Leader Year 9 [mrcarradinee@strichardsc.com](mailto:mrcarradinee@strichardsc.com)

## YEAR TEN NEWS



**Rewards:** Since the start of Year 10, pupils have been collecting 'Achievement Points' of which you have been notified via the School Gateway. I am really pleased to highlight some exceptional performances from: Allysha Nhanda, Dilys Cornford, Imeldah Ambetsa, Alexia Antonislas, Alen Geevarghese, Deshan Sureshan, Christian Whiteley, Carl Gonzales and Maciej Marczak.

**PSHEe:** Year 10 have been focussing on some crucial topics in PSHEe this term looking at relationships through the baby borrowers documentary. They have been investigating what makes a positive relationship and the pressures around and being ready for sex. Pupils will be continuing to work on relationships and sex education into term 2, as well as having visits from external speaker, Penny Beale, on domestic violence.

**Assemblies:** Year 10 have been lucky enough to have had two very informative assemblies performed by their peers. The topic of Hate Crime was delivered by 10H. This assembly was extremely informative and well received by the year group. 10S produced an excellent assembly on the theme of aspirations, which was enjoyed by all.

**Form Services:** 10L had a beautiful Form Service on the theme of New Beginnings. Allysha Nhanda and Imeldah Ambetsa sang 10,000 reasons and the whole form all offered their prayers and intentions for a successful new beginning to the challenges of the Upper School.



**Open Evening:** It was a real pleasure to see so many Year 10 pupils helping out at Open Evening, demonstrating their leadership qualities and their desire to become leaders in the school through gaining prefect status at the end of the academic year. Well done to all who came along and supported the school community. Mrs Byrne would like special mention to go to the new music team made up of Year 10/11 GCSE pupils. They have been incredible and are constantly helping and supporting Mrs Byrne both at Open Evening and every opportunity required throughout the term to date.

**Block Day Retreat:** Year 10 pupils were treated to a day of activities centred around the theme of relationships with six different workshops to choose from: marriage and family life, relationships, vocations, liturgy, relationships and sex and a Taizé and relaxation session.

**Extra-Curricular activities:** There are plenty of extra-curricular clubs and activities for Year 10 pupils to get involved in at lunchtime and after school: please encourage your child's attendance to at least one club per term. A reminder that Prep Club and Prep Club Plus run every week, Monday to Thursday, to further support pupils with their homework. Homework should be taking pupils a minimum of 45 minutes per piece in Year 10.

**Fundraising/Social Events:** We have some exciting fundraising and social events planned for the school year which the Form Captains and I will be publicising to the year group once confirmed. We will be supporting the Love in a Box campaign once again in term 2, so make sure you are keeping your spare shoe boxes!

Many thanks in anticipation for your continued support. Wishing you an enjoyable and peaceful October break.

Mr Campbell, Pastoral Leader Year 10 ([mrcampbellj@strichardscc.com](mailto:mrcampbellj@strichardscc.com))

## YEAR ELEVEN NEWS

Year 11 are working hard and contributing positively to the college. The Prefects have been exceptional this year in ensuring that the younger pupils have been supported in settling into

school. Prefect training this term went really well with 100% attendance. The Prefects took part in 3 main activities where we discussed the role of Prefect, how to handle difficult situations and what makes an effective Prefect. This was accompanied by a delicious take-away pizza which was enjoyed by all. Of particular note I must commend: Ben Stotesbury-Byrne, Alexander Field, Abbie Fairhurst, Lara Lippin, Maisie Edwards, Panashe Makwiramiti, Mia Elliott, Eleanor Zillwood, James Knight, Lucy Sparkes, Louis Lipsham, Jack Eaton, Alexandra Lee, Tobias Sayers and Alexander Power for their outstanding attitude and commitment to the role of Prefect in school and on public transport. I am very pleased also to have posted 18 postcards home rewarding Year 11 pupils this term. School Gateway reflects a lot of praise for pupils in lessons and around school in general. If you have not already done so, please sign up for School Gateway at your earliest convenience. I urge other pupils who wish to be Prefects to apply for the status by 16th October.

**Parents' Revision Evening:** The Year 11 parents' Revision Evening is coming up on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October. This has been very highly rated by parents over the last few years and has proved invaluable. Please ensure that at least one parent attends.

**Mock Examinations:** The mock examinations take place between Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November and Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> December. These provide an important indicator of your child's progress and represent a key milestone in preparation for the summer examinations. Year 11 pupils should begin revision during the October holiday and spend some time every evening revising material for the examinations. From 13<sup>th</sup> November, all homework will be suspended except for revision tasks and most subjects will have revision lessons from the week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> November. The mock examination timetable will be issued in early November. Please note that some examinations may run past the end of the normal school day and pupils will need to make alternative travel arrangements.

**Further Education:** Term 2 sees the majority of Further Education colleges offering Open Evenings for young people and their parents. We strongly recommend that you attend several of these in order to get a flavour of the Local Area Offer. All of the main providers and several of the minor ones have given presentations in school to Year 11. Applications should be made directly to minor, private and out of area providers. Applications to the main providers (Sussex Downs, Sussex Coast and Bexhill College) should be made via UCAS. All applications need to be in by 1<sup>st</sup> December to ensure that St Richard's pupils are amongst the first for interviews and college offers. Pupils are working hard on their UCAS application forms at college but should also be supported in this process at home. Please contact me if you need further help or are unable to attend the Revision evening on 18<sup>th</sup> October.

**PSHEe:** Year 11 PSHEe in term 2 will involve a road safety presentation, stressing the hazards to people in their mid-teens. The drama is hard hitting but promotes an important safety message. The pupils will also be completing their profiles and then covering revision techniques in preparation for the mock examinations.

**GCSE Pod and Google Drive:** All pupils can access GCSE Pod. They can do so simply by signing in to our VLE on the website and accessing it from the Apps button. There is a wealth of support here which pupils can download to iPads or computers or even their smart phones. Listen or watch them together. Ask your child questions afterwards. What are they still unsure of? Ask them to write it down and bring it in to their teachers or Teaching Assistants.

Teachers have been uploading a wealth of revision and support material onto Google Drive. It is easy to access. Click on the Drive button on the dashboard. You will then see the various apps for this drive. Click on My Drive or Shared with me to access all the revision support. This will be regularly added to over the next few months in the Year 11 Revision folder.

If you need my help or wish to discuss any issue please contact me via the school number or my email address.

*Mr Doherty, Pastoral Leader Year 11 ([mrdoherity@strichardsgc.com](mailto:mrdoherity@strichardsgc.com))*

# Parents, Teachers & Friends Association NEWS

A huge thank you to our Current PTFA for the help and support they have given so far this term and to everyone who attended the fundraising event at The Manor Barn when the Chandeliers band performed. The band, premises, raffle and food were all of a high quality and everyone who attended had a fabulous time. We raised a **profit of £825.00** which will go towards much needed equipment for the school.

Over the last year we have raised the money to contribute towards the new School Gateway system. The PTFA have also raised funds for the school minibus lease, new PE equipment and the re-painting of the basketball hoops and lines, aprons and safety spectacles for the Product Design department, the purchase of 3 new sewing machines, gazebos to offer the children shade at events such as sports day, sports day medals, monochrome photographic printing process for the Art department and lots of other items, so well done to everyone involved.

Our next event will be held on **Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm**. This will be a family quiz in the school hall where you provide your own nibbles, food and drinks. Tables are set in 6's and the price is £3 for an adult and £1 for a child. There are prizes to be won. In previous years, this event has been extremely well supported so if you would like to book a table please email: [PTFA@strichardscc.com](mailto:PTFA@strichardscc.com)

On Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November there will be a Year 7 Parents' evening. If you are able to offer some help to serve the teas and coffees please email the PTFA. The times needed for help are 4.15-6.15pm or 6.15-8.15pm.

**We are always in need of new and unwanted gifts, or if you run a business and can donate a raffle prize or voucher we would be extremely grateful. It's always great to keep a few items in preparation. Please just send it into the school office labelled for the PTFA.**

The **next PTFA Meeting will be held on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> October** in the Staff Room at 7.00pm. Drinks and nibbles will be provided.

Please help to support the PTFA and your child's school community. No matter how small you think it may be it really does make a huge difference and your support at organised events is crucial and greatly appreciated.

Warm wishes

*Nicky Cave*

PTFA Chair ([PTFA@Strichardscc.com](mailto:PTFA@Strichardscc.com)) Charity registration Number: 1174645

## YEARLY DONATIONS

When joining the school, many parents/carers fill out a standing order form to donate £10 per child per year to the PTFA, which is greatly appreciated. Those of you who donated via cheque or cash in that first year and not Standing Order, may not have donated since, as this would never have been mentioned to you again. Although not compulsory, if you have simply forgotten and would like to continue with this, please fill out the slip below and send it into the college for the attention of Mrs James (Treasurer of the PTFA).

- I/We would like to make a £10 contribution to the PTFA (cheques made payable to St Richard's Catholic College PTFA)
- I/We would be happy for you to send us a reminder on a yearly basis.
- I/We would like to contribute via Standing Order £10 per year. Please send a mandate form home via my child.

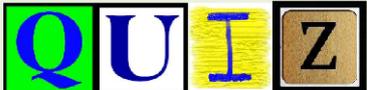
NAME .....

EMAIL and TEL NUMBER.....

PUPIL'S NAME and FORM.....

Reception, please hand to Mrs James, Treasurer of the PTFA

St Richard's Catholic College



night

A great night of entertainment  
for the whole family

**Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> November**  
**7.00 for 7.30pm start**

**Adults £3, Children £1**  
**Tables of six**

Prize for the winning team

Bring your own refreshments



1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> prizes

To book a table please phone St Richard's Catholic College  
on 01424 731070 or email: [PTFA@strichardscc.com](mailto:PTFA@strichardscc.com)



## Special Educational Needs

I'd like to take the opportunity to remind pupils and parents/carers of our SEN lunchtime and after-school clubs:

### SEN Clubs

At lunchtime we offer a games and Lego club, which takes place in A3. This is on every day for all of lunch, and is a quiet space for pupils to come to and play games, read and chat. The club is supervised by a TA.

After school, we offer Prep Clubs which are supported by Mrs Hubbard (Prep Club) and Mr Nuckhir with another TA Co-ordinator (Prep Club Plus). These provide a quiet 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:

Prep Club: CICT, 3:15-5.00pm Mon-Thurs

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 the same day as the Year 11 revision strategies evening for parents.

The SENCo drop-in 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 are welcome.



### EAL Welcome Party

On Tuesday, 10th October, all pupils in Year 7 for whom English is an Additional Language gathered in the canteen for a welcome event, led by Martine Sepion from the EAL Service.

Pupils who came along took part in games, celebrated their own 'mother tongue', and learned phrases from other pupils' home languages. The event was really well-

attended and pupils were excited to share their language, and enjoy some traditional British soft drinks and sweets!

Martine is in school on Tuesdays to support pupils securing their use of written or spoken English. Please contact me if you would like to request that she supports your son/daughter in school.

*Mr Smith, SENCO*



## **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!**

# ATTENDANCE

## Reporting Pupil Absence/Lateness to School

There are now many ways in which you can alert the school to your child's absence:

- 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.
- You can email the dedicated absence email address with the same details as shown above: [pupilabsence@strichardscc.com](mailto:pupilabsence@strichardscc.com).
- Send a message via the School Gateway app. You can do this as follows:
  1. On the app's home page, tap on your child's name.
  2. Tap on attendance, and the Notify tab in the right hand corner.
  3. Fill in the details of the absence, and press send.

Please note that without a reason for the absence e.g. illness, medical, I cannot authorise an absence. If a pupil is absent for more than three days for an illness, we may not be able to authorise the absence without some form of medical evidence. This can be in the form of a medical appointment slip, a hospital appointment letter, a prescription slip or a prescribed medication box showing your child's name on the printed label.

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@strichardscc.com](mailto:mrsjonesh@strichardscc.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. **Please remember to let us know for each subsequent day of absence.**

## Attendance Competition

This year we are continuing our competition, the Attendance Games – the Term 1 competition is well under way, with the winner being announced the first week of Term 2. 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.

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@strichardscc.com](mailto:mrsjonesh@strichardscc.com))



**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.



We're celebrating what makes us  
**All Different, All Equal for Anti-Bullying  
 Week this year from Monday 13th -  
 Friday 17th November 2017.**

## PLEDGE FOR ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

**We hope that in this Anti-Bullying Week you will remember that we are All Different, but All Equal.** You should never treat others worse than the best you would hope to be treated by them. You do not need to be close friends with everyone in school but each and every one of us has a right to come to school and feel able to be themselves and treated with respect. **Celebrate our differences and work together to stop bullying and to help those who have suffered from it in the past.**

If you have any concerns regarding your child and bullying or would be interested in being part of an anti-bullying parent group, please contact Mrs Hills: [mrshillsa@strichardscc.com](mailto:mrshillsa@strichardscc.com)



**East Sussex  
School Health Service**

**The East Sussex  
School Health Team**

**Promoting and protecting the wellbeing of  
young people**

The School Nurse runs a drop in service for our young people and is in school every Thursday lunchtime to give support in the following areas:

- Health Information including smoking cessation and alcohol
- Sexual Health
- Emotional Health
- Healthy Lifestyles

We also have a range of other support services available to support you and your child. Please contact your child's Form Tutor, Pastoral Leader or Mrs Hills: [mrshillsa@strichardscc.com](mailto:mrshillsa@strichardscc.com) for signposting.



## 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](mailto: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

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

# CAREERS AND WORK EXPERIENCE



## CALLING ALL FORMER PUPILS

I am currently putting together a series of inspirational careers, information, advice and guidance posters for the pupils and for this to continue I need your help. Can you please email or send me a photo of yourself, details of what you have done since leaving St Richard's and any words of wisdom that you would like to pass on to future generations.

## APPRENTICESHIPS

An apprenticeship is a job with training which allows individuals to earn while they learn and gain nationally recognised qualifications. An apprenticeship enables a young person to enter the job market and develop their skills.

With over 250 different types of Apprenticeships covering over 1,400 job roles, Apprenticeships provide a route into training in the skills employers want in a variety of industries and sectors, from Nursing to Graphic design, Horticulture to Electric Vehicle Engineering. There are over 100,000 employers offering Apprenticeships in the UK.

The National Apprenticeship website: [www.apprenticeships.org.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk) houses the on-line vacancies system. At any time there are up to 15,000 Apprenticeship jobs being advertised on the website. Pupils can search for vacancies on this site or they can register and set up to receive alerts informing them of new vacancies that might interest them.

If you require any further information about Apprenticeships please contact me. I am hoping to run a workshop on Apprenticeships during Term 2.

Mrs C Adams

Careers and Work Experience Coordinator - [mrsadamsc@strichardscc.com](mailto:mrsadamsc@strichardscc.com)

## English Department News

### KS3

The year has already got off to a great start with lots of enthusiastic contributions to English lessons and our Extreme Reading and Postcard Book Review competitions. Open Evening saw exciting events from the department such as the grammar quiz, meet the book character and the Shakespeare photo booth.

Last week I shared a recommended reading list with all Key Stage Three pupils by email. Most of these books are available in our college library for free, so please encourage your child to use this great facility! Any reading, non-fiction or fiction, you can encourage your child to do at home regularly is proven to have a positive impact on Literacy skills.

The 'Write here, Write now' Creative Writing Club began on Tuesday, 10th October in A8 at 1.10-1.40pm. All abilities and ages are welcome. This is an opportunity to develop creative writing skills and enter writing competitions to get work published and win prizes!

Next term, the 'What's in the News?' club will be launched. If anyone is interested in discussing current affairs, exploring newspapers and more, please see Mrs Leggatt in Link 3 for more details.

### KS4

**Year 10**, your first data capture is now underway. Make sure you are starting to learn your **keywords** this year (ask your teachers if you can't find them on the Google Drive or padlets). We hope you've really enjoyed your start to GCSE English, so far!

**Year 11**, your data capture is also underway. 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** on the Google Drive

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 soon publish the schedule of revision classes available to pupils. Any assistance at home in helping your child to learn keywords and quotations is much appreciated.

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

Mrs Wood

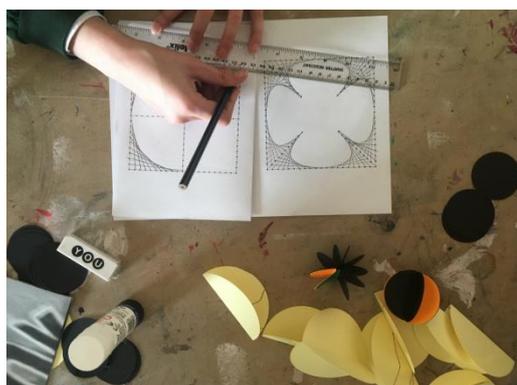
## Maths Department



- **KS3 Numeracy Club every Thursday in B6, 3.15-4.00pm**
- **Year 11 Intervention starts straight away!**
- **Mr Gallivan**  
Tues/Weds/Thurs – lunchtime and after school  
8.00-8.30am 4/5 grades
- **Ms Gallagher**  
Intervention for Year 11. After school Wednesday in B6

### MathsWatch

Don't forget to ask your child to show you the online resource MathsWatch. With videos and worksheets for every topic it is an invaluable resource for every year group.



### Maths Problem - take your answer to Ms Gallagher B6 for a prize

A magical island is inhabited entirely by knights (who always tell the truth) and knaves (who always tell lies). One day 25 of the islanders were standing in a queue. The first person in the queue said that everybody behind was a knave. Each of the others in the queue said that the person immediately in front of them in the queue was a knave. How many knights were there in the queue?

### Adverse Weather

Should adverse weather occur and there is a possibility that the college may be closed, please check the following for information:

- The college website: [www.strichardscc.com](http://www.strichardscc.com). This will give a clear statement about whether the college is closed or open. The information will be available by 6.45am. The delay is caused by the need to speak to public transport and they will not make a decision on travel until 6.30am.
- School Gateway: an App message and email will be sent.
- The East Sussex County Council school closure website: <http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/schoolclosures.htm>. This information will be available before 7.00am. This link also provides parents with the opportunity to subscribe to receive automatic RSS news feeds and emails which tell them when the college is closed.
- Please also listen to local radio: Radio Sussex, Heart or Arrow FM.

**I would like to point out to you that we will always endeavour to open the school**, however a health and safety risk assessment will be the deciding factor if we find ourselves needing to close/close early. If the closure is for more than a day then work will be placed on Show My Homework.

# Science Department News



**StAR Club:** StAR (St Richard's Amateur Radio Club) is an extra-curricular club open to all pupils. They have been preparing for their 'Sputnik's 60<sup>th</sup>' birthday balloon launch by testing the transmitting, receiving and telemetry transfer from the two HAB units, called Wallace and Gromit. HERC's Phil has been focusing attention on the rules and regulations and playing 'Hunt the Fox' with the hand-held radios to practice on-line etiquette, whereas Steve has been constructing the circuit boards and registering the balloon tracking units on the international balloon tracking sites.

**StAR Club** has changed its day and is now held on **Wednesdays from 3.15 – 5.00pm in Lab 4.**

**STEAM Club:** In response to a request from Year 9 girls there will be a lunchtime science club running on Friday lunchtimes in Lab 4. This STEAM Group have already been exploring cross-curricular competitions and craftiness and in their first few weeks have been making model sputnik satellites to house the radio transmitter attached to the high altitude balloons. The girls will continue with model making and will soon begin to make flashing Christmas ornaments (along with StAR Club), They will also be registering for a Talent 2030 National Engineering Competition challenge. In this competition for girls, pupils are asked to, 'Find a creative way to explain existing engineering solutions to the world's challenges, or to invent their own solutions.'



**STEAM Club: Frldays from 1.00 – 1.30pm in Lab 4.**



## Open Evening in the science department



## Year 7 Block Day, Natural History Museum:



Year 7 pupils enjoyed their first Block Day at St Richard's with a trip to the Natural History Museum in London. Pupils were impressed with the grandeur of the Victorian building, which never fails to impress. Recent refurbishment allowed pupils to explore new interactive galleries as well as visit

favourite activities like the earthquake floor. The 'Creepy Crawlies' gallery was particularly scary (even if the tarantula was a remote controlled toy!) 7H's Maddie Woolsey, 'enjoyed going to the museum – we learnt lots of interesting facts,' whereas Stevie O'Connor Harlow, also of 7H, thought that the trip was 'exciting and educational'.



## Science Storytellers: the Space Race

This project has recently come to full fruition with both the publication of the final report (Leading Change Innovation Grants 2016-2017 Special Edition; pages 35-39) and the sharing of Space Race Stories at Sputnik's 60th birthday party in Battle.



The storytellers were joined by StAR Club members and HERC in the day's activities which included talks, space station design competitions, an interactive science of the solar system show from Blast Science and the launch of our very own High Altitude Balloons.

Year 10 Dilys Cornford explained that she *'liked Science Storytelling. The Space Exhibition was a great way to continue to practise our storytelling skill set. Not only did we understand how to communicate better with the public as they learnt about our project but we*



*also managed to send up our sputnik based balloons Wallace and Gromit!'*

Year 9 pupils, Hannah Chan and Alicia Smith, released the balloons they had modelled and joined in the gathered crowd of excited children in cheering after a rowdy countdown from 10. Parents and carers, meanwhile, turned to their mobile phones to track the balloons. Gromit followed Wallace as they quickly ascended and then caught the wind to head south and out over the English Channel. The final telemetry data was tracked by radio enthusiasts in Paris and each balloon had covered approximately 200 km before the battery had died. A more detailed investigation of the returning data stream allowed us to deduce that Wallace had peaked at an altitude of just over 4000m, whereas Gromit had risen to nearly 5000m and therefore had floated in a faster airstream.

Balloon telemetry for Wallace and Gromit indicated that they were both still floating after the battery had died and there is a possibility that the sputnik models will be returned to St Richard's by post and we can establish exactly how far the balloons travelled in the airstream. Aswani Arun, also Year 9, had a particularly good day reporting that she *'enjoyed watching the balloons fly up and I was busy talking to people about the Space Race and sputnik.'* She also added *'I thoroughly enjoyed today!'* before the prizes for the art competition were announced and she found out that she had won the prize for 'Most Popular Design' as voted by the public on the day. The painting will be proudly displayed in Lab 4. Meanwhile, Aswani will be enjoying the prize, her very own plasma ball!



Phil Parkman and Steve Smith, (both members of Hastings Electronics and Radio Club and dedicated STEM Ambassadors to StAR Club) were delighted with how the balloon launch went. *'It was pretty near perfect with just the right weather conditions,'* said Steve, while Phil's summary was simply, *'Fantastic day and great fun.'* Event organiser, Kay Hunting was very grateful, writing, *'THANK YOU! Your story tellers were great and your radio people with Wallace and Gromit were just wonderful.'*

### Forthcoming Science Trips & Visits

**Science Storytellers: In The Beginnings STEAM Project (with RE)**  
**GCSE Astronomy Day Trip to Royal Observatory, Greenwich**  
**CAT Camp (residential trip to Wales 22nd - 25th October 2017)**  
**Herstmonceux Telescope Supper Tour**  
**University of Sussex GCSE Astronomy Day**

### Clubs

Year 7 Young Investigators lunch-time club (from Term 2)  
 Year 8 Fab Fizzix (Tuesday lunch)  
 All year groups StAR Club (Wednesday 3.15 – 5.00pm)  
 Year 9 & 10 STEAM Project (Friday lunchtimes)  
 Year 9-11 Sussex Universe Evening Lectures (Thursday 5.00-9.00pm)

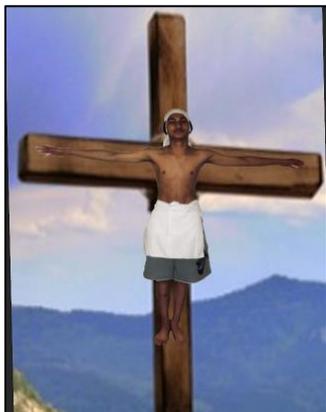
## RE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Term one has begun in earnest in the RE department. It is a real pleasure to welcome our **new Year 7s** who have been enthusiastic in the classroom and willing to be involved in the liturgical life of the school. All the Year 7s have had a visit to St Mary Magdalene's church to learn more about the external and internal features of the church. This visit was enjoyed by all and the pupils were attentive to every detail. The Year 7s continue with their unit of work on New Beginnings and soon will be learning about the Mass and the significance of the Eucharist.



Our **Year 8** pupils have been immersing themselves in the roots of the Christian faith as they explore the unit of Roots in the history of the Church. This includes topics such as the life of the early Christians, the heretical disputes in the Middle Ages, the Crusades, and the Reformation. In Term 2, the pupils can look forward to learning about the Jewish faith which includes experiencing a Passover meal. There will also be the opportunity for a group of pupils to visit a Synagogue.

In **Year 9**, the pupils have begun their study of Mark's gospel. They completed some lessons on the question of who Mark was, and the quest for the historical Jesus which has made them consider the importance of historical accuracy and how this compliments the truths we hold about Jesus. Most classes have finished their gospel overview project and have produced imaginative screenshots of the gospel scenes, or illustrations of them for their class wall hanging. Term 2 will continue with examining the stories that give us an insight into Jesus' identity.



The **Year 10** pupils have started their GCSE 9-1 course with the unit of Catholic beliefs. Many pupils are asking excellent questions on significant doctrine such as the Trinity, Incarnation, and the Paschal Mystery. At the beginning of term, we also provided several lessons for the pupils to reflect on and consider Confirmation. The new GCSE course which your child is studying,

is well resourced with the textbook *GCSE Religious Studies For Edexcel A - Catholic Christianity with Islam*. I strongly encourage that your child has this book as it is a very useful overview of their lessons. Books can be purchased via the school at the reduced price of £22. If you would still like to purchase one, please send in the money as soon as possible in order for the school to place a bulk order.

**Year 11** pupils are continuing to work well as they rise to the challenges of preparing for the new GCSE exam. It is important that they make time each weekend to review their week's learning and to complete homework questions to a high standard. In December, we will have a speaker from the organisation LIFE to talk to the pupils about abortion and the Catholic response to the issue in the UK including the work of their charity.



The **AS Religious Studies** group in Year 11 continue to grapple with the intriguing and exciting issues of Christian theology. The class have made a great start, and enjoy discussing their questions and sharpening their critical thinking. In November they will begin their study of Ethics.

On 5<sup>th</sup> October, Year 10 enjoyed their Block Day activities which focussed around the theme of vocation, including workshops on the vocation of priesthood, marriage, love and relationships, and Taizé. It was a worthwhile day for the pupils to take time to consider these questions in relation to their faith and to their credit, they

responded with maturity and respect.

Finally, we express our warmest congratulations to Mrs Mead and her family on the arrival of her daughter, Thea. We look forward to meeting her soon on a visit to school.

Ms L Henry, Acting Subject Leader - RE

# Lourdes 2018



## LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP!

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

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

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

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

£85 - deposit (to secure flights)

£400 - in instalments (covering all travel, food and accommodation whilst in Lourdes)

£200 - fundraising (in school and/or parishes or other means - to support local vulnerable and disabled children in going to Lourdes)

£30 - hoodie and t shirt

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



In order to secure a place, please collect a letter from Miss Wood in A1 or Jo Doyle in her office. Any questions, please email Miss Wood on: [misswoodm@strichardscc.com](mailto:misswoodm@strichardscc.com).

## NEWSLETTER

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](mailto:mrskleink@strichardscc.com)), indicating whether you would prefer an A4 or A5 edition.**



## MFL NEWS

### MFL Club meets

Every Wednesday: 1:00pm until 1:30pm  
French (B14) Spanish (B13) German (B4)



### Spanish

**Open Evening:** This was a great success in the Spanish room. We had a Café set up and guests were able to have a go at ordering and trying out some traditional Spanish food. Thank you very much to all the helpers who made the evening run so smoothly.



### German

**German Club:** German club is back every Wednesday lunchtime in B5, 1:00 - 1:30pm. Come and join us for games, puzzles and fun, all in German of course! You don't have to be learning German to take part and all years are welcome!

**Visitors from Germany:** We were very fortunate this term to have some visitors from the Hollenberg-Gymnasium Waldbröl. Pupils were able to practise their German and to get some help from native speakers. It was very interesting to hear about some of the differences between schools in Germany and the UK.

**Christmas Markets Trip:** We are pleased to announce that everybody who has paid a deposit for this trip is going. We would like to remind you that the remaining money must be paid by the end of the October holiday. We are really looking forward to visiting Aachen and trying out lots of delicious Christmas food.



There are still spaces available so if you would like to come, please see Miss Auzinger or Miss Crawley. Some traditional food and drink that we will be enjoying is pictured; Bratwurst, Currywurst and heiße Schokolade.



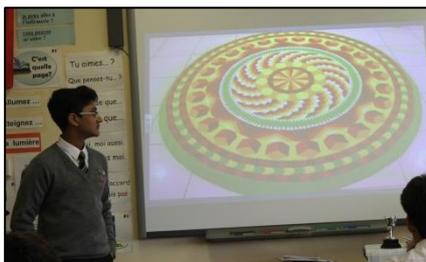
### French

**Year 7 + 8 French Club:** An enthusiastic and friendly group of Year 10 French Ambassadors are looking forward to welcoming Lower School pupils, especially new faces from Year 7, to French Club every Wednesday in B14 from 1pm until 1.25pm. Discover French food and culture and play games. Come along and get involved. You can pop in and just give it a try!

**Year 10 French Ambassadors:** Our French ambassadors meet every Monday in B14 from 1pm till 1.25pm to reinforce their French learning whilst playing games and experiencing French culture.

## European Day of Languages

Thank you and congratulations to our wonderful Year 8,9 and 10 pupils who prepared and ran very creative and informative workshops to their peers about their native country and language. There were positive vibes in the MFL department on that day. Pupils were so excited about discovering other worlds and languages. The MFL team even marked the day by wearing cultural outfits.



### MFL Booster Sessions

**Spanish:** Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes for those who wish to push along their linguistic skills to a higher level and also those who may want to go over any grammatical structures where they feel less confident.

**German:** Monday, Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes. Bring along anything you would like some help with and build up your confidence!

### MFL Factoids

**France:** The French celebrate Halloween but traditionally, the 1st November is a bank holiday and it's a holiday of obligation. French people use this day to visit the tomb of their loved dead ones and put flowers (chrysanthemums) on their headstone.

**Germany:** If you were to go trick-or-treating in Germany, you would say "*süßes oder saures*". This means *sweet or sour*. You could be rewarded with a sweet treat, but if you are sent away empty-handed, you might return later to play a sour trick on the person who refused to give you any sweets.

**Spanish:** We have a Spanish joke for you. Can you work it out? (A translation is provided.)

#### **Pepito en la escuela**

Pepito le pregunta a su maestra:

- Maestra, ¿me castigaría usted por algo que yo no hice?.
- No Pepito, ¡claro que no!.
- Qué bueno, porque no hice la tarea de hoy.



Translation  
 "Pepito in school"  
 Pepito asks his teacher, "Sir, would you punish me for something that I didn't do?"  
 - No, Pepito, of course not!  
 - That's good, because I didn't do my homework.

*Miss Chong, Miss Auzinger & Mrs Scott*

<b>French Booster Sessions</b> (locations and times to be announced via SMH)	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Theme</b>
Tuesday, 10th October	Theme 1 Catch-up support
Thursday, 12th October	Writing a 90 word response
Tuesday, 17th October	Writing a 150 word response
Thursday, 19th October	Grammar Q and A
Tuesday, 31st October	Photo card
Thursday, 2nd November	Listening skills
Tuesday, 7th November	General Conversation
Thursday, 9th November	Speaking exam tips

## News from the Geography Department



### Isle of Wight Trip – July 2018

The Geography Department is delighted to announce that the Isle of Wight trip will be running again next July!

The trip, which has been proven to be very popular amongst pupils will run for 3 days, from Friday, 6th July to Sunday, 8th July 2018, and includes many of their favourite excursions such as Alum Bay (pictured left), fossil hunting at Compton Bay, exploring the coastal defences at Ventnor, and of course the daring adventure activities at the Little Canada PGL centre, where we will be staying.

This educational trip is a valuable opportunity for 30 pupils to develop their understanding of coastal management and UK tourism as they explore the vast array of defence strategies on the Isle of Wight, whilst analysing the development and sustainability of the local tourist industries in areas such as Sandown. Experiences such as the fossil talk and hunt are an exciting hands on way to learn about the geology formation of this exciting island.

The trip costs £180.00 in total, which covers: coach and ferry travel to and from the Isle of Wight, meals from dinner on Friday night to lunch on Sunday afternoon, all PGL activities, snacks and water throughout the trip, and a souvenir trip hoodie to remember the experience. Pupils will be required to bring their own lunch for Friday.

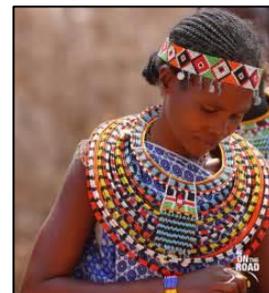
All parents/carers should have received an email copy of the trip letter via their School Gateway email address. If pupils would like a paper copy of the letter, this can be collected from the trip noticeboard opposite the Geography classroom, A2. If you have any further questions please do contact Mr Howe via email [mrhowej@strichardscc.com](mailto:mrhowej@strichardscc.com).



### Year Seven Geographers

Year Seven have settled very well into their geography lessons and are now receiving geography homework to extend their learning. The first unit of study is 'Our World and Local Area' and pupils are developing the map skills and techniques that will be invaluable as they develop as independent learners. In Term 2, pupils will undertake a field trip to Galley Hill View to study traffic, housing and quality of life and compare this residential area near the college to Wilton Road, Bexhill which they will investigate as a virtual field trip using Google Maps and street view.

Our second unit of work is about Kenya and pupils study this fascinating country and discover more about the wealth of wildlife, tribes, cities and scenery. They will also understand the reasons for the inequalities in wealth and attempts that are made to help develop social, economic and environmental growth within the country. The Geography Department has been developing links with a school in Kenya and is supporting them through fundraising activities such as our 'Shop in a Box' and Wateraid projects. We also hold craft sales selling walking sticks and jewellery made by the Poket Tribe of Northern Kenya.



Within our Rivers unit pupils begin to understand the need for sustainable management of our water supplies and the problems caused by flooding both in the UK and Bangladesh. If you would like to help your child with their studies, please see these useful website links:

Year	Topics	Useful websites to help your child
7	Understanding our Home Region Country Study: Kenya River studies	OS map skills <a href="https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/mapzone/">https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/mapzone/</a> KS3 Bitesize <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zrw76sg">http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zrw76sg</a> Google Maps <a href="https://www.google.co.uk/maps/">https://www.google.co.uk/maps/</a> <a href="http://www.geographypods.com/kenya-collection.html">http://www.geographypods.com/kenya-collection.html</a> <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zs92tfr">http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zs92tfr</a>

Mrs Hoyle, Subject Leader – Geography



# History Department News

## TERM 1: HISTORY HEROES

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been identified as History Heroes by their class teachers this term. They have clearly been working hard and demonstrating a fantastic attitude to learning in History, well done. They will be receiving certificates for their achievements at the end of this term. Key Stage 3: Grace King, Oliver Pawsey, Naomi Pye and India-Cleo Stevens. Key Stage 4: Eleanne Robinson, Panashe Makwiramiti, Alfie Angella and Ben Masters.

## KEY STAGE 3 HISTORY

**Year 7:** Year 7 have made a great start to their History studies and have been exploring the early History of Britain, including the Romans, Anglo-Saxons and Norman invasion. Next term we will be looking at 'Revolting Peasants' and uncovering more about life in the Middle Ages.

**Year 8:** 'Why did the English kill their King?' has been the key enquiry question for Year 8 this term as they have been uncovering the cause and consequences of the English Civil War. Next term, we will begin looking at the events in France during the Revolution.

**Year 9:** Pupils have been discovering what life was like as a slave and how Black Americans were treated after their emancipation. They have shown great empathy for the different individuals we have studied and have formed fantastic arguments to support the Civil Rights Movement. Our next unit will move into 20th Century conflict, looking at the World Wars and the Cold War.

## GCSE HISTORY

**Year 10:** Pupils are continuing their studies of Nazi Germany, now looking at what life was like living in the Third Reich. I would like to remind all pupils to be regularly reviewing their work and ensuring that any missing topics are completed. Our next unit will be Medicine Through Time.

**Year 11:** We are now well underway with our Anglo-Saxons unit having discovered the background to the succession crisis in 1066. The unit is fascinating but challenging. All pupils are encouraged to ensure that they are confident with the use of new terminology for this unit. Help sheets and resources can be sought from class teachers.

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR

**Key Stage 3 History Club:** The club has been well attended this term and we have enjoyed researching different recipes through History. Inspired by 'Bake Off' the club re-created and shared some of these recipes. Gwen in Year 7 made a Chocolate and Potato Cake, a recipe created using rations during World War 2. India-Cleo Stevens in Year 9 made Almond Tarts, a recipe taken from her family copy of the

1861 recipe book, 'Mrs Beeton's Household Management.'

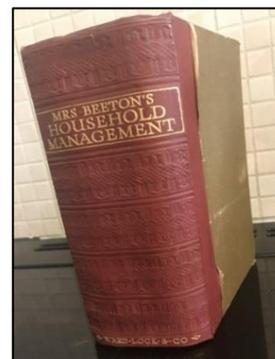
Next term, the club is planning to run a whole school charity event, 'The Great Historic Bake Off!' Look out for posters and more information in the coming weeks.

**History Film Club:** As part of Black History Month we will be showing 'The Help' on Friday, 20th October at 3.15pm in the library. This is a fantastic film that follows the challenges faced by black people in 1960's America. This film has a 12 rating so all pupils attending will need to be

12 years old or have written permission from their parents/carers to attend. I

hope to see lots of you there.

**The Christmas Truce, Ypres – Year 9 History Trip:** The History department is running a day trip to Ypres to take part in the World War One Christmas Truce re-enactment. This will be a fantastic experience for our young Historians. Places are in high demand, but if you did not receive a letter and would like more information please speak to your History teacher.



## GCSE HISTORY TEXTBOOKS

The new GCSE History syllabus covers four topics that are challenging and diverse. To support and help your child in their studies you may choose to purchase the texts that we will be using in lessons. These texts can be purchased through the school at a reduced rate; alternatively you are able to purchase all resources via the internet independently. The following are recommended and directly support the GCSE History units that we study:

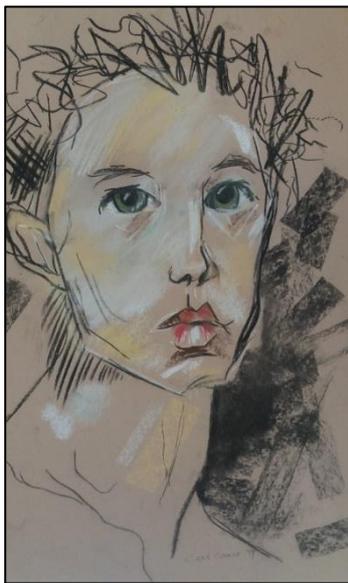
Textbook	ISBN	Cost
• Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918-1939 (year 10 topic)	9781292127347	£12.50
• Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History The American West, c1835-c1895 (year 11 topic)	9781292127309	£10.50
• Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Anglo-Saxon and Norman England c1060-1088 (yr 11 topic)	9781292127231	£10.50
• Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History Medicine Through Time, c1250- present (yr 10 topic)	9781292127378	£14.50

If you would like to make an order through the school, please ask your son/daughter to collect a letter and return the slip with a cheque made payable to St Richard's Catholic College to the Finance Office for the amount due, by **Friday, 3rd November 2017**.

*Mrs R Campbell, Subject Leader for History*

## ART DEPARTMENT

The art department is now on Twitter. Follow us at @strichardsart. We will be showcasing amazing pupil work and also sharing inspiration from the art world.



**Work from Fine Art**  
L-R: Year 11 charcoal sketch; Year 9 pastel portrait and Year 9 zebra portrait

**Farley Arts Award:** Nina Espiritu, Kasia Fedor and Serena Coyle had work selected to be part of the Farley Arts Exhibition which will take place at Farley House on Friday, 13th October. David Dimpleby will be the host at this prestigious evening.

The Farley Arts Award is held bi-annually and is an outstanding opportunity for students to exhibit in a public gallery. Exhibiting students are presented with a certificate and those judged to be outstanding in each category receive a Farley Arts Trust Award prize of art materials or equipment for their school or college. Good luck to our three entrants.



Year 7 colour wheels

*Mr Peachment, Art Department*

## MUSIC DEPARTMENT

This has been an extremely busy term and the music department is well and truly up and running now! We have so many new, extra-curricular clubs running and they have all been very well attended so far. Our new teacher, Miss Savage, has introduced a 'Songwriting Club' on a Monday night which includes pupils writing songs, plenty of discussions and singing. It is lovely to see the pupils working together in such a gentle, creative way. Miss Savage gave a **love heart** to each pupil as a starting point for their lyrics....we had some outstanding results!



**Congratulations** to the Year 7 singers. The whole year group has taken on board the singing culture of the school and they sing their hearts out during lesson time and in assemblies. We cannot wait until the **Induction Mass on Thursday, 19th October**; it will be a wonderful celebration. Many of the Year 7 pupils were successful during the audition process for special solos on the night. Orchestral players will be expected to accompany the singers on the night too. GOOD LUCK to all involved.

### MUSIC TEAM NEWS:

We would like to introduce our new music team. This is a team of musicians who are currently taking music GCSE and are helping to support the music department throughout the year. Their duties include:

- 1: Keeping the department tidy and manageable
- 2: Stringing guitars
- 3: Compiling concert programmes
- 4: Promoting the department
- 5: Supporting extra-curricular clubs and running them in some cases.



### Extra-Curricular Clubs:

Please do encourage your children to attend an extra-curricular club. Here is the timetable to help you choose.

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

	CLUBS	Lunchtime @ 1pm	After School 3.15pm -4.15pm
<b>MONDAY</b>	ELECTRONIC CLUB ORCHESTRA SONGWRITING SCHOOL	ELECTRONIC CLUB	ORCHESTRA SONGWRITING SCHOOL
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Music Team meeting CHOIR	MUSIC TEAM MEETING	CHOIR
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	GARAGEBAND CLUB GCSE Intervention	GARAGEBAND CLUB	GCSE Intervention
<b>THURSDAY</b>	GCSE Club GCSE Intervention	GCSE CLUB	GCSE Intervention
<b>FRIDAY</b>	CAMPFIRE SONGS BAND NIGHT	CAMPFIRE SONGS	BAND NIGHT

### OUR HOUSE: STOP PRESS

Make sure you come and pick up your order form for the 'Our House' photos. All photos are presented on the boards outside MU1. Please ask Mrs Byrne for any help if you get stuck!



## EVENTS

There are a few concerts and events coming up in the next month. We will be performing at **the Secondary Schools' Prom** on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> November and our **Prize Evening** will be on Wednesday, 8th November. Please could you ask all pupils who are in the choir to return their slips to Mrs Knight as soon as possible. You can purchase tickets for the Secondary Schools' Prom from the De La Warr box office for £7.00 and £5.00 on the following number: 01424 229111.

Here are a few photos of the fantastic extra-curricular work that has been going on in the last few weeks.



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@strichardsc.com](mailto:mrsbyrner@strichardsc.com)

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



Mrs Byrne, Acting Subject Leader – Music

## Drama Department

It's been a very busy and successful start to the year in the drama department! **Year 9** are working hard on their Theatre in Education project as part of their new Performing Arts Course. **Year 11** are about to complete their first official piece of GCSE coursework. **Year 10** have now completed their debut performances on the stage under exam conditions, and drama clubs are in full swing with all members rehearsing for liturgy and forthcoming projects.



**Bexhill College Theatre Company:** Congratulations to the following pupils who have successfully auditioned to be a part of the Bexhill College Theatre Company: Rocco Forte, Ryan Segal, Angelina Tadros, Morgan Leonard, Millicent McIvor, Lucia Caitar, Hannah Woodall, Louise Kavanagh, Natalia Szelest, Isobel Francis, Annabelle Goldsmith, Rita Smirnova and Allysha Nhanda. They are going to be devising a piece of drama based on the theme of identity and will have the opportunity to take the piece on tour around local schools. They'll get to work alongside the AS and A-Level students at the college and will rehearse weekly in the

fantastic Izzard theatre. Good luck and well done for being chosen!

**Stage-Ed Theatre Workshop:** After the success of the last workshop, I have invited Mike Southern from 'Stage-Ed' to come and do a whole day workshop with our GCSE pupils in December. Mike was lucky enough to be a part of the professional cast of 'Blood Brothers' for seven years, and is now bringing his

knowledge of the text to life in schools. The Year 10 and 11 Drama GCSE pupils will get to spend the day practically exploring the story with Mike which I am sure will not only deepen their knowledge of the play, but strengthen their performance skills too.

**Liturgy:** The drama club group put together a moving piece for the Grandparents' Mass based on the ideas of guidance, support and inspiration. They devised the piece themselves and we hope the grandparents thoroughly enjoyed their contribution to the Mass on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> October.

**'Play-in-a-day' Shakespeare Project:** Plans are well under way for the transition project which will see a selection of St Richard's pupils; a group of AS and A level students and over one hundred Year 6's from our feeder schools take to the Izzard stage to perform an interpretation of Shakespeare's The Tempest – in a day! We are so excited to be a part of this exciting project which will also allow our primary pupils to complete the first step of the Arts Award. The two-day project takes place on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Please come along to the college and support us if you can!



Mrs Dunster, Subject Leader - Drama ([mrsdunsters@strichardsc.com](mailto:mrsdunsters@strichardsc.com))



In this newsletter I have provided some of the information I presented at the Year 7 curriculum and transition evening and the KS3 Ensuring Success Evening.

### Parental Controls

- Ask you ISP (BT, Sky, Talk Talk) about parental controls from your router.
- You can also purchase software such as [www.netnanny.com](http://www.netnanny.com)

### Websites for advice and guidance

- <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/>
  - Excellent for understanding different apps/websites/games that young people use today.
- <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre>
  - you can find e-safety tips, advice and resources to help children and young people stay safe online.



### Quotes

*"They haven't used it. We limit how much technology our kids use at home."*  
Steve Jobs, replying to a question about iPads and iPhones.

*"We often set a time after which there is no screen time and in their case that helps them get to sleep at a reasonable hour,"*

Bill Gates, who also did not allow his children to have phones until they were 14.

Mr Fegan, Subject Leader - Computing and ICT

# Library News



**Film Club News** Our SEN Film Club will run on Monday, 9th and Tuesday, 10th October, showing 'Swallows and Amazons', Certificate PG. Based on Arthur Ransome's children's classic story, we have adventure, sailing, a mystical island and Russian spies all thrown into the mix – well worth seeing. If your child is in Year 7 or 8, and is interested in joining Film Club, they would be most welcome; ask for more information and a permission slip in the Library.

**Library Cards and Locker Keys** I have replaced more than 50 Library key rings during September. All pupils need to have a Library card or key ring in order to borrow books, CD-ROMs, DVDs and Laptops from the Library. Should your child in Year 7, 8, 9, 10 or 11 not have one, please ask them to see me – replacement key rings are £1.00 each.

**Open Evening** was, as always, tremendously busy, with prospective parents and pupils engaging in a Library activity and asking myself and the pupils librarians all sorts of questions about the Library. My thanks go to Helena Hudson and Lucy Sparkes of 11I, both pupil librarians, for their excellent assistance on the night.

**Grandparents' Day** was a delight in the library, with Grandparents networking and enjoying refreshments after the wonderful Mass in the main hall. Our Head Boy and Girl did us proud, as did the Year 9 helpers and tour guides. This is always a lovely occasion; so many grandparents never get to visit their grandchild's school, so it's really a special day when they do.

**Overdue Library Book Appeal** Once a term I send out overdue notices to all Form Tutors, listing all the pupils in each form who have borrowed Library items (mostly books) and not returned them on time. Six times per year, they are reminded to look for the books at home, and get them back to the Library, paying off any small fine they have incurred. Fines are 1p per item, per school day. We do not charge for weekends or school holidays. Despite this, and individual reminders from myself when they visit the Library to borrow laptops or try to borrow another book, I still have **125** books currently overdue. Can I appeal to parents and carers to have a hunt around for any overdue school Library books, please? I am always happy to renew books if pupils need them for longer, thus saving a fine being incurred. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.



**Quote of the month** *'When you are old and grey and full of sleep, and nodding by the fire, take down this book and slowly read, and dream of the soft look your eyes had once, and of their shadows deep.'*

William Butler Yeats, Irish Poet (1865 -1939)

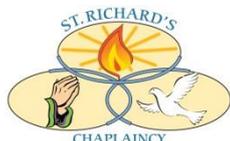
**Ms Tocknell, Librarian**

## Year 9 Block Day Review

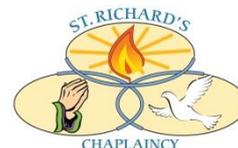
*"Block Day was a super fun way of experiencing how much work you do for a product to be released and how much you have to think about to make it a product people will buy. There was pressure about getting everything done, but that helped us realise how hard it is to make something up. It was great working with new people and working with people who had different ideas, because all the ideas put together made some great products. Most people enjoyed it and it was a very productive day!"* Natalia, Year 9

*"Block Day was a good day because we worked as a team with other people that we would not normally talk to and we worked hard on a presentation. At the end of the day we all had fun even if we didn't get picked to present on stage. The Green Dragons explained how important presentations are because it can help you get a job. The Green Dragons also explained a lot about saving the environment and how we can help to do that."* Andrew, Year 9





# Chaplaincy News



September has been a busy month. Pupils, parents and staff have been involved in the various aspects of spiritual life at St Richard's with commitment and enthusiasm, for which I am most grateful. Term 2 promises to be just as full.

**Church Visits:** Year 7 pupils visited St Mary Magdalene's Church in Bexhill in Term 1 with their RE teachers who showed them around pointing out the significant items in the church. They also had some time to participate in Meditation and reflection time, very useful in this busy first term for Year 7. Our thanks go to the Parish of St Mary Magdalene and Fr Rajesh for the opportunity to visit their beautiful church.



## **Grandparents' Event in School – Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

Our Grandparents' event took place on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> October. Our Head Boy and Head Girl began the day by warmly welcoming all grandparents, followed by Mass at 10.00am. Following Mass there were refreshments in the Library and then tours of the school by pupils.

**Year 7 Mini Retreats:** Our half-day retreats with each form group have all been completed. We explored Blessed John Henry Newman's reflection 'Definite Service' and spent time considering our purpose both individually and as a form. We also considered how we are 'A link in a Chain' in the wider community of St Richard's as a whole. The pupils valued the opportunity to spend time getting to know other form members.



**Friday Morning Mass for staff and pupils:** The early morning Mass on Fridays, at 8.10am, continue to be well attended and I encourage all pupils to make an effort to come. If you would like to be considered for reading or serving at this Mass please let me know. It is at this Mass that we include prayer intentions for those in, and connected with, the St Richard's community. If you have someone or something you would like us to pray for very specially, then do let me know. Everyone is most welcome to attend: pupils, staff and parents.

**Liturgy Reps:** I have been meeting each of the year teams and handing out Liturgy Rep badges. Our first meeting was on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> October; we have lots of events coming up.

**Fairtrade:** We will be launching the Fairtrade champions group with Year 7 in the next couple of weeks. Please keep an eye on the liturgy notice board for information.



## **Year 10 Block Day**

On Thursday, 5th October we had our Chaplaincy Block Day with Year 10. The theme of this day was **'Who are you called to be.'** We focused on the various vocations: Marriage, religious life, careers and relationships. This year we remained in school and a charitable organisation called 'Exploring Marriage' joined us. They facilitated a series of Workshops on

marriage and pupils got the chance to speak to married couples about the realities of married life. My thanks to the RE Department who led workshops as follows: Ms Vanvuchelen and Mrs Byrne led a workshop on Taizé meditation reflecting on vocation; Miss Henry and Mrs Tadros led a workshop on relationships.



I must also thank Deacon Ian Moon and Fr Chris Benyon for their workshop on vocations to the religious life and allowing the pupils a chance to ask questions about their vocation. My thanks to the wonderful Year 10 tutors who led a workshop with their forms called 'Moral Compass' where pupils got a chance to look at moral decision making. There was lots of reflection and hopefully it

allowed the Year 10 time to think about their future and what God is calling them to be.

With every blessing for a restful holiday and for the exciting prospect of Term 2!

*Jo Doyle*

Miss Jo Doyle – Lay Chaplain

([missdoylej@strichardsc.com](mailto:missdoylej@strichardsc.com)) Tel: 01424 731070 Ext. 126



## **PE Department News**

### **DANCE**

**Dance Company Auditions:** Congratulations to all those pupils who successfully auditioned for the Dance Company. We had the largest turnout for the auditions ever. It was fantastic to see how much talent there is at St Richard's. The auditions were pupil led, creating and teaching for the audition. Well done to all those who took part and thank you to the Dance Company in assisting with auditions. The successful new members of the Dance Company are: Amelia Allen, Amy Cave, Elsie Crowther, Edie Crowther, Isabella Cullinane, Niamh Davis, Brooke Drewett, Isabelle Gasson, Stevie O'Connor Harlow, Pearl Herriott, Marnie Horan, Elise Kennedy, Caoimhe O'Neill-McGuinness, Leah Sandy, Grace Sims, Daisy Stevens, Karolina Sliwa. Isabella Zillwood, Taylor Potter, Astrid Morewood, Emma Sandeman and Ania Roby. It is lovely to see so many new faces and everyone is working to prepare for several performances in the term ahead.



**Open Evening:** The Dance Company took part in St Richard's Open Evening providing dance demonstrations and a dance workshop throughout the evening. The evening started with Millie White, 9R, leading the dancers in a warm up before the Dance Company performed and worked on pieces that will be in future performances. Thank you to all who took part.



**Induction Mass:** The Year 7 team are currently busy rehearsing for their Induction Mass taking place on Thursday, 19th October. They will be dancing 2 pieces during the evening and are working extremely hard.

**Music Proms:** The senior team will be performing alongside the choir at the De La Warr Pavilion, Eastbourne on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> November in the annual music proms. Tickets are available from The De La Warr Box Office on 01424 229 111 or [boxoffice@dlwp.com](mailto:boxoffice@dlwp.com)



### Boys' Dance Company:

The Boys' Dance Company is going from strength to strength. It is lovely to see so many new dancers. They are currently rehearsing for their first performance in February (more details to follow).



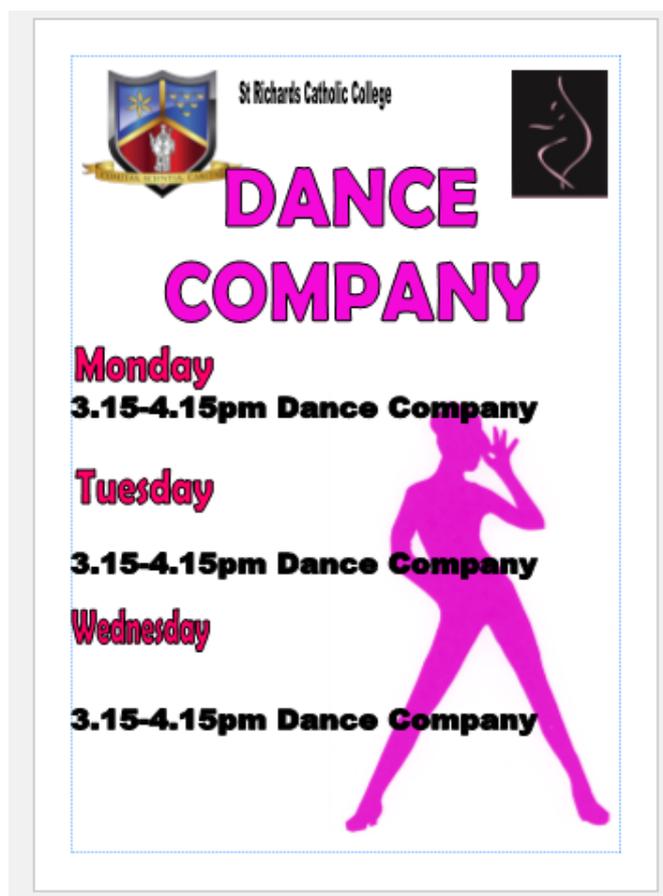
**'Our House' Scripts:** The Summer production of 'Our House' was a great success. Unfortunately, many of the hired scripts have been misplaced or damaged.



The cast were made aware that this would result in a charge of £25.00. The cost of replacing scripts has a huge financial impact on the Performing Arts Department which affects future shows/productions. If you have received a letter home or have any questions do not hesitate to contact me. Cash or cheques (made payable to St Richard's Catholic College) should be handed to me by **Friday, 20th October**.

Photographs of the production are available to purchase. The order forms and a fantastic display are in Music 1.

## Dance Timetable



St Richards Catholic College

**DANCE COMPANY**

**Monday**  
3.15-4.15pm Dance Company

**Tuesday**  
3.15-4.15pm Dance Company

**Wednesday**  
3.15-4.15pm Dance Company

The poster features the St Richards Catholic College crest in the top left, a stylized black and white logo in the top right, and a large pink silhouette of a dancer in the center. The text is in bold, colorful fonts.



St Richards Catholic College  
Boys Dance Company

Friday 3.15-4.15  
In the Hall

Please see Mrs Knight if you would like to join the new boys' competition team!

The poster features a colorful, abstract graphic of a dancer in the center, with the text 'St Richards Catholic College Boys Dance Company' written across it in a stylized font. Below the graphic, the text 'Friday 3.15-4.15 In the Hall' and 'Please see Mrs Knight if you would like to join the new boys' competition team!' is written in a simple font.

*Mrs Knight, Dance teacher*

## PE NEWS

### Girls' Football

The Senior Girls were drawn against Buckswood in the U16 (Year 10+11) English Schools FA Cup, at St Richard's on 28th September. The team played extremely well and recorded a resounding and thoroughly deserved 14-1 scoreline! Well played all! The team were: Ruby Buck, Isobel Corbin, Poppy Derhun, Ma Shaina Mallorca, Olivia White, Stephanie Bone, Pamela Busuego, Kiera Davey, Imeldah Ambetsa, Janel Maneclang, Abbie Pinnington, Jade Coleman and Lexie Coleman. We have been drawn against Dorothy Stringer, Brighton, at home in the next round on 1st November. This team are also in the Sussex County Cup competition and we have been drawn away against Millais School, Horsham on 11th October. Good luck to the Girls!

The U14 Girls (Year 8+9) are involved in the Sussex County Cup and have been given a bye in the 1st round so we are waiting to find out who we play in round 2.

### Boys' SE Sussex Schools Football

Year 8 v Claverham. Lost 3-6.

Year 8B v Bexhill Academy. Lost 1-5.

Year 8B v Rye. Won 2-0.

Year 10 v Robertsbridge. Won 2-0.

Year 11 v William Parker. Lost 2-3.

Year 9 v St Leonards. Won 9 -3.

### Football 4 Peace

Well done to the 16 Year 8 pupils who represented the college at the annual Leadership course run by Brighton University. The F4P festival looks at how the Olympic and Paralympic values should be followed in sport. Well done to Fergal Crichton-Coote and

George Doswell who were part of the team who not only played the best, but showed how best to compete using the values.

### Swimming

Well done to the 28 pupils from all years who represented the college (many for the first time) at the Battle Abbey invitational gala.

### Year 8 Block Day - Be the Best You Can Be

Well done to all Year 8 who participated in an action packed, high energy Block Day. During the day they listened to talks from Tom White (ex-pupil) who has represented GB at Triathlon and a presentation from F4P students from Brighton University detailing how they are involved with using sport across a number of countries around the world to challenge conflict.

### Representative Honours

It has been a great start to the year with a large number of our sportspersons attending trials for local area and county schools teams. The following have been successful:

**Football:** Baxter Orchard, Oskar Lockyer, Quincey Gilbert, Aaron Cook, Finlay Holter, Abigail Dolding, Poppy Derhun and Jasmine Moulding.

**Cricket:** Hollie Young and Dominic Carey.

<b>PE DEPARTMENT CLUBS/PRACTICES (OCT-DEC 2017)</b>			
	<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>	<b>Lunchtime</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Badminton</b>	<b>Badminton</b>	<b>Basketball KS3 Girls</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Football Match Night Basketball KS4</b>	<b>Upper School Football</b>	<b>Basketball KS3 Boys</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Rugby Year 8 - 11 Football Match Night</b>	<b>Girls Netball Lower School Football</b>	<b>Basketball KS4 Girls Table Tennis</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Football Match Night (RV)</b>		
<b>Friday</b>	<b>All Years Football (RV/JGB)</b>	<b>Upper Basketball</b>	<b>Basketball KS4 Boys</b>

### **CERTIFICATE & PRIZE EVENING Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

Our Annual Certificate and Prize Evening will shortly be upon us when our leavers will be receiving their GCSE certificates and prizes will be presented to pupils still at the college based on their endeavours and service in the academic year 2016-2017.

In previous years, the response to our appeal for financial support has been excellent. If you would like to make a financial donation towards the prizes for this event, please complete the tear off slip below and return it to Miss Cronin with your donation. This support is greatly appreciated and contributes to the success of the evening.

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**Please return to the Principal**

**PRIZE EVENING**

Pupil's Name: ..... Form: .....

I enclose ..... as a donation towards the cost of prizes for Prize Evening.

Signed:..... (Parent/Carer) Date: .....

## Data Capture and the New Assessment System

A new assessment system has been designed in light of the Government's abolition of levels and the move to a new GCSE grading system based on numbers from 1-9. This system works in the following ways:

1. All pupils will be set targets for GCSE based on assessment data from primary school and internal assessments completed in the college (In Year 7 this is a score based around an average of 103 whereas in years 8 to 11, this is based on their KS2 SATs level). These targets are ambitious and aspirational (based on the progress of the top 5% of pupils nationally).
2. Pupils will be targeted a "score" for each year which will work towards the final GCSE Grade. For example, Susan arrives in Year 7 with a Year 6 test score of 103. The top 5% of pupils with a 103 score nationally will achieve a Grade 7 in Maths so Susan is targeted Grade 7. She would therefore be targeted a score of 6 in Year 10, 5 in Year 9, 4 in Year 8 and 3 in Year 7.
3. Each pupil will be assessed throughout the year. In most subjects, pupils will be assessed three times in KS3 and four times in KS4.
4. All assessments are unified meaning that all pupils in the year group take an identical assessment (unless there is a tiered entry at GCSE) to ensure accuracy and parity between classes. The style of assessment in each subject reflects how a pupil will be assessed at GCSE in that subject.
5. All pupils are given a 'progress' code whereby they will be awarded either: Below expected progress, expected progress or above expected progress.
6. If a 'below expected progress' is awarded, intervention in that subject will be required to close the progress gap that exists. This normally takes the form of support materials or additional classes followed by a retest. **Please note that a 'below expected progress' may be awarded for lack of understanding rather than lack of effort and should not be assumed to be a punishment for poor effort. This is indicated on the profile sheet that a pupil receives.**
7. Each assessment will be scored (to the nearest 0.5) and the score will be compared to the target. For example, Susan has a Maths target of 3 for Year 7. She is assessed in term 1. If she scores 3.0 or more in the assessment she has reached target and will be awarded 'above expected progress' on her profile. If she scores 2.0 or 2.5 she is making progress but not yet at target so will be awarded 'expected progress' on her profile. If she scores less than 2.0 she is significantly below target and requires intervention so would be awarded 'below expected progress.' This would be tested at the next data capture point.
8. It would be expected that scores would increase as the year progresses and the pupil reaches the target by the final data capture point in term 6.

Please telephone or email me with any queries you have.

*Mr Tadros, Assistant Principal*

## Congratulations to...

Adam Ward, Year 11, has been selected to represent the Bexhill Squadron in the Trafalgar Day Parade on Sunday, 22nd October. He will train and engage in further parade practice, living on HMS Bristol, a type 82 Destroyer and training on HMS Excellent on the two days prior to the parade.

Hollie Young and Dominic Carey, Year 10, are to be congratulated for being awarded the Cricket Young Leaders Award at Lords on Sunday. They completed modules in coaching, umpiring and scoring, first aid and grounds keeping. They also completed over 25 hours of volunteering each and raised £100 between them towards the CRY charity and future YL courses. Well done.



### Mobile Phones

Pupils with permission to bring in a mobile phone must hand it in at Reception at the start of the day and collect at the end of the day. The pupils concerned must not be using the phones travelling to or from school; they are for emergency use only.



### Part-time Secretary (0.8 of week) The Diocese of Arundel and Brighton Education Service

The Diocesan Education Service (DES) seeks to appoint an experienced and highly efficient Secretary to support our busy and friendly team. Based in Crawley, the DES serves and supports all Catholic schools within the diocese of Arundel and Brighton on behalf of Bishop Richard. Full details can be found at:

<http://www.abeducationservice.org.uk/News/View/143>

**Closing Date: Friday, 20th October 2017 at 10:00am**



**Grandparents' Event:** Thank you to all the grandparents who attended on Thursday. We hope you enjoyed visiting our school community. A full report will appear in the next newsletter.



## School Council 2017-2018

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been elected School Council representatives for this academic year:

**Year 7:** Jasmin Cooper, Tom Davies, Finley Dorling-Parkes, Harry Fletcher, Ann Joy, Franky Reilly, Holly Stevens, Grace Tuff and Phoebe Webb.

**Year 8:** Maisey Bewick-Clahane, Shanice Blair, Connor Brown, Matt Cordell, George Doswell, Kiera Fear, Matilda Hawkins, Kyle Hislop, Carolina Jeneslas-Jeyakumar, Nigel Johny, Marni Lippin, Tania Rawalson, Bethany Read, Austin Thomas and Luke Young.

**Year 9:** Naomi Britt, James Campbell, Isabella East, Louise Kavanagh, Charlie Kerkvliet, David Munro, Emma Roper, Luciano Salas, Ryan Segal, Georgina Soggee, India-Cleo Stevens, Natalia Szelest and Max Taylor.

**Year 10:** David Aitken, Imeldah Ambetsa, Joseph Castle, Dilys Cornford, Tanya Farquhar, Esme Jenkins, Jonathan Mpofo, Shane O'Callaghan, Leah Stevens, Gabby Vine, Michael Virciglio and Loralie Yeates.

**Year 11:** Amina Bastante Pain, Alex Bissett, Elvita Blinova, Gilson Chakanetsa, Joe Clark, Kasey Cosens, Rhianna Fahy, Alexandra Lee, Honey Madrideo and Eleanor Matthews.



### Love in a Box

The annual 'Love in a Box' appeal is for the Mustard Seed Charity.

Pupils are asked to collect and pack a shoe box of presents for children in Eastern Europe who, otherwise, would not receive gifts at Christmas. Once filled pupils should bring the shoe box into school and it will be collected by the charity in early November (date to be confirmed).

For more information about this charity please visit their website: <http://www.msrm.org.uk/>



## LOVE IN A BOX!



It's time to start collecting shoe boxes to fill with goodies for children who are in need!

**5 shoe boxes minimum**  
from each form with a  
**PRIZE**

for the form that collects the most in each year group

Boxes should be covered in gift wrap and £3.00 collected for each box to cover transport costs.

Start collecting shoe boxes now!  
Collection of filled boxes is in early  
November

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

Year 11 Revision Day and Evening  
 Year 7 Induction Mass  
 End of Term 1

Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October (6:00pm for parents)  
 Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> October (7:00pm)  
 Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> October

**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)  
 PTFA Quiz Night  
 Year 11 Mock Exams begin  
 Year 7 Settling In Parents' Evening  
 Year 11 Mock Exams end

**Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> October (Bishop Richard visiting)**

Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> November (7:00pm)  
 Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> November (9:15am)  
 Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> November (6:30pm for 7:00pm start)  
 Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> November (6:15pm)  
 Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> November (7:00pm)  
 Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November  
 Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November (5:00pm-8:00pm)  
 Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> December

**INSET Day for Staff (Day off for Years 7-10)**

MUFTI Day for Surviving Christmas charity  
 Christmas Dinner Day  
 Advent Service  
 End of Term 2

**Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> December**

Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> December  
 Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> December  
 Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December (7:00pm)  
 Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December

**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

**Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018**

Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> January (5:00pm-8:00pm)  
 Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> January (9:15am)  
 Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> January (6:15pm)  
 Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> January (7:00pm)  
 Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> February (2:00pm-4:00pm)  
 Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> February (5:00pm-8:00pm)  
 Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> February (7:00pm)  
 Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

**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)

**Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> February (7:00pm)  
 Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> March (9:15am)  
 Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> March (5:00pm-8:00pm)  
 Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March (3:15pm-5:00pm), Library  
 Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March (6:15pm)  
 Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> March

**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

**Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> April (7:00pm)  
 Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> April (5:00pm-8:00pm)  
 Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May (9:15am)  
 Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May (6:15pm)  
 Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> May (5:00pm-8:00pm)  
 Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> May

**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 - 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

**Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> June (7:00pm)  
 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> June (6:00pm)  
 Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> June (9:15am)  
 Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> June (6:15pm)  
 Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> June (7:00pm)  
 Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> June  
 Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> June  
 Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> June  
 Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July  
 Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> July (6:00pm)  
 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> July (evening performances)  
 Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> July

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