

On Monday 17 September 2018, we had our first **Class Rep** meeting, where the main points of discussion were communications and the contribution that each class can make to FOSC.

If you are **not receiving regular email updates** about **FOSC's** news and events from your class rep, we would love to hear from you to add you into the network! Please contact me on [sarah.prain@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sarah.prain@yahoo.co.uk) or our Class Rep Coordinator Lelia West on [leliabess@yahoo.com](mailto:leliabess@yahoo.com)

Please don't forget to complete those gift aid forms. Should you require a form, please let me know.

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making donations go further

### FOSC KEY DATES

<b>EVENTS:</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS FAIR</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9 DECEMBER 2018</b>
<b>MEETINGS:</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>TUESDAY 16 OCTOBER 2018</b>
	<b>CLASS REPS</b>	<b>TUESDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2018</b>
		<b>MONDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2018</b>

**ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ALL MEETINGS HELD FROM 7.30PM**  
Committee meetings are held in the Lodge Classroom  
Class Rep meetings are held in the Drama Studio

### Thrift Uniform Shop

If you have any uniform that you no longer need, please donate to our lovely "Thrift Shop Lady" Chrissie Spencer and leave it at school reception. Any uniform is gratefully received.

Our second-hand uniform shop is a large contributor to the overall annual funds raised by FOSC and all proceeds go directly back into the school. As always, your support is appreciated. If you need any uniform please contact Chrissie on 020 8751 0066 or mobile 07769 556661.

Please feel free to contact any committee member with any feedback or thoughts to help our fundraising efforts.

Best wishes,  
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## SENIOR NEWSLETTER

Friday 28 September 2018

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Wednesday 3 October</b>	<b>U13 Netball v The Hall (h)</b> <b>Swimming Gala v Latymer Upper</b> <b>St Issey Parents' Information Evening 4.00pm</b>
<b>Thursday 4 October</b>	<b>Year 11 to Wimbledon Theatre 7.30pm</b>
<b>Monday 8 October</b>	<b>U15 Netball v Greycourt (h)</b>
<b>Tuesday 9 October</b>	<b>U14 Netball v Greycourt (a)</b>
<b>Wednesday 10 October</b>	<b>Sixth Form Parent Teacher Meetings</b>
<b>Friday 12 October</b>	<b>Sixth Form to 'Six' at Arts Theatre 8.00pm</b>

### FROM THE HEADMISTRESS

Good afternoon

As we finish our fourth week, it is clear that the term is already busy and purposeful. The mostly mild autumn weather has allowed for an active time as the girls take up the challenges of their lessons and make the most of extra activities. Over the last week we have celebrated success on the netball court and in the swimming pool; Year 7 have enjoyed a team building day at High Ashurst; and Year 11 have stepped back from their busy timetable, with a wonderful day of retreat and reflection at Aylesford. All these different parts, among many others, create a picture of the fullness of the girls' life here at St Catherine's.

Another highlight of the term so far was our mass for Our Lady of Mercy on Monday which the whole school celebrated in the Main Hall. Several girls made generous contributions to our mass by reading, singing the psalm and serving, and everyone joined in our favourite hymns to make this an occasion of celebration. The special time of sharing mass together was highlighted by Father Ulick's invitation to the girls to consider the real meaning of mercy, and in particular the quality of empathy.

Many girls have also shown their pride in the school this week by helping on our recent Open Evening. It was lovely, and quite fitting, to hear praise from our visitors for the girls' happy, confident manner as they led tours around the school. We also enjoyed meeting and welcoming new parents during our social evening last week.

With very best wishes  
Johnen McPherson

St Catherine's is pleased to announce that the next Senior School Production will be 'Bring It on: The Musical'. Auditions are open to every girl in the Senior School and will begin next week. Performance dates are 3 and 4 April 2019.



### GCSE GEOGRAPHERS VISIT TO SWANAGE

On Friday 14 September the Year 11 GCSE Geography students visited Swanage and the Dorset Coast for the annual fieldwork weekend. They were greeted by a warm September day which made their data collection on Swanage beach a much more enjoyable experience. Their measurements will allow them to judge whether the sea defences are working well and whether they are cost effective. After the traditional night time navigation exercise they woke on the Saturday to another gorgeous day. A quick visit to the magnificent Durdle Door for a field sketch led to a walk to Lulworth Cove. They spent several hours assessing the impact and management of tourists at this small honeypot site, which was interspersed with frequent trips for ice cream! Overall, it was a productive and enjoyable trip and I would like to thank Mr Cox and Miss Pietrzyk for their help.

*Mr D Rock*



*Mr Cox's Group*



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### DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

On Monday afternoon, from 3.45pm to 4.45pm, there will be Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award training in English 3 with Mr Cox.

The National Literacy Trust has shown that there is a significant positive correlation between reading among 8-18 year old students and mental health and well-being. Please encourage your girls to read as much as possible and as often as possible.

*Mrs Ruffle—Senior Librarian*

### SENIOR OPEN EVENING

Our Senior Open Evening on Tuesday 25 September was attended by nearly 70 families. After Mrs McPherson's talk, our visitors were shown around the school by our girls. Parents were very complimentary about their tour guiding skills.



In the Food and Nutrition Department, girls were demonstrating their cooking skills.

# FOSC

Friends Of St Catherine's

Dear Parents,

On Friday 21 September the Main Hall of St Catherine's was transformed into a colourful Back to School Disco. Many thanks to you all for a very successful night with an attendance of just over 250 people.



Everyone (including parents) enjoyed themselves. There was even a "break dancing dance off" with two parents – you know who you are!

It was wonderful to see the girls rekindling their friendships and to meet and welcome all our new parents and girls to St Catherine's this year.

I would like to thank all parents who helped me with setting up and clearing away. Without your kind help, the hall would not have looked as amazing as it did. Many thanks to our Vice Chair, Clare, for an incredible job, once more, with the decorations.

Finally, my thanks to Andrew Lebosquet for all his assistance with clearing up and securing the school after the event.



## The Siena Society



*'Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire'*

### Autumn Term 2018

Lectures will take place at **4:00pm** in the Drama Studio

Pupils and parents are all very welcome to attend

(Refreshments available)

#### Tuesday 2nd October—Sangeetha Saunder



Sangeetha Saunder is a junior doctor at Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust. She is recently qualified, and she will be talking about life as a junior doctor, as well as sharing tips on how to be successful in a medical school application. If you are interested in a career in medicine, then this talk will give a fantastic insight into how to be a successful applicant. Everyone is welcome to come along to hear about Sangeetha's important career, and her determination.

#### Wednesday 17th October—David Guild



David Guild is an Investment Manager, and he will be talking about careers in the financial services sector. Many people want to enter this sector as they think that these careers will be highly paid. This may be true at times, but are you aware of the hard work needed, or what these jobs involve on a daily basis? Come and find out about the careers available in this growing sector.

#### Tuesday 27th November—Diana Darke



Diana Darke will be delivering a talk on "My House in Damascus - an inside view of the Syrian Crisis". She will be discussing real life in Syria and how it has been affected by the rise of ISIS. Her house in Syria is currently being used as a refuge for displaced people, and Diana will give an insight into Syrian life beyond the headlines.

**Each student from Years 9 to 13 must attend at least one of these lectures.**

**Please book places with your Form Teacher.**

**Years 7 to 8 may attend if they wish**

### Swimming Gala

Congratulations to all Year 7-11 students who competed against Ibstock on the 18th September. It was the new Year 7 swim team's first ever gala and they came first and mostly second in every race. We won 220 to 165. A fantastic result with exciting things ahead such as the London Swimming League and ISA all before Christmas.

### Ibstock Netball Tournament 20.9.18

A massive well done to the Year U15A Netball team who played in a tournament on Thurs 20.9.18 at the Bank of England Ground. Having been placed in an extremely tough pool, the team beat Tiffin and Ibstock to secure themselves a place in the 5th place play offs. Each match was tightly fought in true St Catherine's spirit. The tournament hosted 10 schools in total. Our thanks go out to Mrs Derrien for her endless voluntary support in umpiring for St Catherine's.

### Yr 10/9 Netball v The Hall

Congratulations to those Year 10s and 9s who competed in this fixture, securing an admirable win of 13-7. Our girl of the Game was I Williams who has supported various age groups this season, demonstrating outstanding commitment. Again our thanks go out to Mrs Derrien.

### Condover Netball Weekend U13 and U14

The PE department were delighted with the effort, tenacity and spirit of all our students who represented St Catherine's last weekend. The girls played a total of 15 games each and fought hard with eager determination throughout.

In addition they acted as true ambassadors for the school, supporting each other, bonding as team members and were a delight to accompany.



Our U14 team managed to secure themselves in the cup final playoffs, facing some of the strongest teams amongst the 20 schools entered, beating St George's, Queen's College, Cranford, St Mary's Shaftesbury, Abbott's Hill A and B and St Catherine's, Bramley. We are impressed with the progress our students made and look forward to supporting them further in the season to come.

