



# ST. CATHERINE'S SCHOOL

TWICKENHAM

## SENIOR NEWSLETTER

*Friday 15 February 2019*

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

*Monday 18—Friday 22 February*

*Half Term*

Monday 25 February	Sixth Form Mock exams begin
Tuesday 26 February	Year 9 Options Evening
Monday 4 March	Year 13 History Conference
Tuesday 5 March	Year 9 Retreat
	Shrove Tuesday Parents' Drinks Reception 6.00pm-8.00pm
Wednesday 6 March	Ash Wednesday Mass 9.00am ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND
Thursday 7 March	World Book Day
	Scholars and GCSE Music Recital 7.00pm
Friday 8 March	Richmond Borough Trampoline Competition

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### FROM THE HEADMISTRESS

Last week the Senior School was filled with song, and very loud applause, when we enjoyed the House Music and Dance Competition. Praise goes to the Sixth Form House Captains who worked very hard to create entertaining and well-organised performances. We saw a great range of talent and also very much enjoyed the wonderful house spirit and good fun that filled the Hall.

Thanks also go to the girls for their fantastic assistance at our recent Open Evening. Whether touring, performing, jumping on the trampoline or generally helping, they demonstrated the warm, lively and welcoming St Catherine's spirit to all our visitors

Senior girls were informed this week that we will have an Independent Listener at St Catherine's soon after Half Term. Mrs Bella Hird, who is a qualified and experienced counsellor, will take up this role. We look forward to this opportunity for the girls to receive confidential support and the chance to talk through any experiences or concerns. Parents will soon receive more information about how this service will operate.

Lastly, the Sixth Form girls have started to plan their Leavers' Formal, which will take place on May 10. A small committee will work alongside staff to ensure the whole evening, which includes a mass, drinks reception and formal dinner, reflects the girls' choices and so really celebrates all that this fabulous year group have achieved, and the strong friendships they have made, at St Catherine's.

I wish you and your families a lovely Half Term and hope that the sun stays with us, so that the girls can really enjoy their break.

With very best wishes

Mrs McPherson

## PARKING

### PARKING AND ENGINE IDLING

*Please park with due care and consideration in the roads surrounding the school. Cars should not be parked on the zig-zag lines in Popes Grove after 8.00am. We are currently receiving an increased number of complaints that cars are parked on the corner of Popes Grove and Cross Deep. This is illegal and extremely dangerous for children crossing the road. Local residents have noted number plates and may be contacting the police. It is also illegal to have your car engine running when stationary.*

## ART TRIP

The Art Department ran a very successful visit to the Tate Galleries on Wednesday 13 February. The objectives of this trip were for the students to begin preparing for the Art, Photography and Textiles GCSE and A Level examinations.

We took the train to Waterloo from Strawberry Hill and walked past the Southbank along the river side to The Tate Modern. We were very fortunate to have beautiful weather with excellent light for the students to take photographs along our walk. The GCSE theme this year is 'Reflections' so the London architecture and the river created a lot of opportunities for the students to investigate an initial response.

We spent a hour and a half in the Tate Modern for the students to look around the permanent collection. We then took the ferry across to The Tate Britain for the Fine Artist and Textiles students to go into the Edward Burne Jones exhibition. Photographers had the opportunity to see the Don McCullin exhibition at the same time.



Some of our students travelled back with us from Vauxhall to Twickenham while others spent more time in the Tate Britain looking around the permanent collections there.

It was a lovely day and the students collected many resources for their

examination preparation both with historical references as well as visual stimulus.



## DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME



THE DUKE OF  
EDINBURGH'S AWARD

There is a Year 9 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award meeting on Monday 25 February in English 3 classroom from 3.45 to 4.45pm

The Year 9 Bronze girls also need to ensure that the routes and route cards for the upcoming expeditions are completed as soon as possible. If they have any kit queries they must see Mr Cox as soon as possible.

Silver Meetings are going to be on the following Mondays: 4th, 11th and 18th of March in English 3. from 3.45 to 4.45pm

## ISA CROSS COUNTRY

On 11 February, 32 students competed in the ISA Cross Country and despite the mud we had some fantastic results. I Williams won the U16 Category out of 78 students. A. Thomas received a Bronze Medal in a race with a 100 students in. E. Panton won a Silver Medal in the U16 category, running up an age group. As a team the U14 won a Silver Medal. The top ten students in every race qualified for National Finals at Princethorpe and these include: C. Wayman, A. Thomas, I. Williams  
T. Palmer, M. Roger-Cummings.  
Well done to all students. We are very proud.



*Well done to the Year 7-8 team (left) who won a Silver Medal overall.*



*Congratulations to the Year 9/10 team. (above) especially to I. Williams who won the whole race out of 78 students.*



*Gold medal to the Senior Team (above)*

## SWIMMING GALA

Congratulations to all those involved in the LEH Swimming Gala on Thursday 7th February. Students from Year 7-13 were involved and lots had to swim up and fill in gaps due to illness. Special thank you to Z Hill and A Swaine for running teams on pool side. Congratulations to the Year 8 team who beat LEH. Unfortunately we lost overall but was a very tight gala.

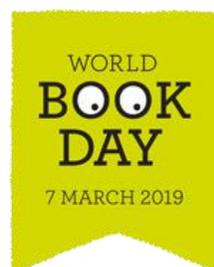
## WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday 7th March, St Catherine's will once again be participating in World Book Day. Preps, Seniors and staff will all be dressing up as their favourite book characters, and raising money for charity. The money raised goes to 'Read For Good', a charity which buys mobile bookcases and trains storytellers to read to children in hospital.

It costs just £1 to enter, and there are prizes in each year group for best costume. Group and individual costumes are all welcome. Standards have been high for the last few years, so use your half term to get planning!

In addition, Mrs Ruffle, Senior Librarian, is planning to hold a Readathon for the girls in years 7-9. This is a fun way of encouraging reading whilst at the same time raising money for children in hospitals. Your daughter will bring home a sponsorship form on which she will ask friends and relatives to sponsor her to read books up to her own target.

The reading will take place between 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> March and your daughter will keep a record of the books / stories that she has read in that period. She can decide to read as much or as little as she wants, and sponsors can decide to sponsor for as much or as little as they want (by book or by time spent).



If you would like to keep up with the current news and alerts, you can also follow us on **TWITTER** at <https://twitter.com/stcatherinessch>

## HOUSE MUSIC AND DANCE COMPETITION

Last Tuesday (5th February) brought us the very first House Music and Dance Competition here at St Catherine's. With two outside adjudicators, Ms Kym Richards and Mr Alex Leadbeater, as well as Mrs McPherson on the judging panel, the pressure really was on for everyone to perform to the highest of standards. We began the proceedings with hearing the instrumental numbers from each house, of which the judges crowned Selma Ruud Woldmo, (Bronte) performing 'One Summer's Day' on the piano, the winner.

Next up we had the ensemble round where we were lucky enough to be treated to a range of talents; a group of Nightingale girls singing a beautiful rendition of 'Hallelujah' from Shrek, an energetic, all-singing, all-dancing performance of 'Work it Out' from High School Musical by Cavell and a fabulous dance routine to 'The Other Side' from The Greatest Showman from a group of Bronte girls. However, the winning house in this round was Pankhurst who, performed by Iona, Millie and Giri, stunned the audience with 'Super Trouper' from Mamma Mia. We ended the afternoon with each House performing a song from their given musicals; Pankhurst singing 'Thank You For The Music', Cavell singing 'We're All In This Together', Bronte singing 'This Is Me' and Nightingale singing 'All Star.' The judges decided that the winning House in this final round was Cavell.

After much deliberation, the overall winning House was Pankhurst. Special prizes were awarded to Selma Ruud Woldmo and Juliette Savy. I would like to thank all the girls, from Prep to Sixth Form, for all the hard work they put into this new House event, all their efforts really did pay off. An extra special thank you goes to the judging panel and of course the House Captains and Heads of Houses for their continued work and support.

*Catherine Freeland, Music Prefect*



## CAREERS FAIR

### **Volunteers needed!**

We will be hosting our biennial Careers Fair on the afternoon of Thursday 28th March. This event is for all girls in Years 9-13. The girls will hear from some exciting speakers, and will also have the chance to visit stalls to learn about a variety of careers.

We already have some fantastic stalls lined up, but we would like to hear from any parents in the following fields - Dentistry, Media and Marketing. These are all popular professions for our girls, and we would love to be able to represent them at the Fair.

If you would be able to help, please contact Chantal Goldburn [cgoldburn@stcatherineschool.co.uk](mailto:cgoldburn@stcatherineschool.co.uk)

Dear Parents,

On Friday 2 February 2019 we saw the Sr. Paula Thomas Hall transformed into a brightly coloured array of pinks for our much awaited St Valentines Quiz Night. There was a tremendous atmosphere and the competition was high.



Congratulations to St Bridgends, our very own St Catherine's Staff table, for coming first!

I would like to thank all the helpers on the night, especially Andrea Sheehan for organising

such a wonderful raffle and Lelia West for getting those tickets sales in – well done ladies.

A huge thanks must also go to Debbie Lebosquet for her really hard work in organising the event and making the hall look absolutely lovely.

My final thanks must go to our Quizmaster George, who I hear was great fun and created an amazing atmosphere.





## Prep PJ Disco – Date for your Diaries

Friday 22 March 2019 - 6.30pm-8.30pm

Wear your **PJ's**, yes that includes the parents, and dance the evening away

**Tickets cost £6 and are available from your Class Rep**

More Information to follow after Half Term ...

### FOSC KEY DATES

<b>EVENTS:</b>	<b>PREP DISCO</b>	<b>FRIDAY 22 MARCH 2019</b>
	<b>MUFTI DAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY 21 JUNE 2019</b>
	<b>SUMMER FAIR</b>	<b>SUNDAY 23 JUNE 2019</b>
<b>MEETINGS</b>	<b>CLASS REPS</b>	<b>MONDAY 4 MARCH 2019</b>
	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>TUESDAY 2 APRIL 2019</b>
	<b>CLASS REPS / AGM</b>	<b>MONDAY 29 APRIL 2019</b>
	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>TUESDAY 14 MAY 2019</b>
	<b>CLASS REPS</b>	<b>MONDAY 3 JUNE 2019</b>
	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>TUESDAY 2 JULY 2019</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**

Best wishes,  
Sarah Prain  
FOSC Chair

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