



ST. CATHERINE'S SCHOOL

TWICKENHAM

SENIOR NEWSLETTER

Friday 5 April 2019

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<i>Tuesday 9 April</i>	<i>End of Term - school finishes at 3.45pm</i>
<i>Wednesday 24 April</i>	<i>Summer term begins</i> <i>Girls return in Summer uniform</i>
<i>Thursday 25 April</i>	<i>Form group and Team photographs</i>
<i>Friday 26 April</i>	<i>Year 7 trip to Weald and Downland Museum</i>
<i>Saturday 27/28 April</i>	<i>DofE Bronze Assessment weekend</i>
<i>Monday 29 April</i>	<i>Feast Day Mass 9.00am in Hall—All welcome</i>
<i>Tuesday 30 April</i>	<i>Year 8 Retreat</i> <i>Digital Awareness Presentation 7.00pm</i>
<i>Friday 3 May</i>	<i>Year 11 Exam Prayers and Afternoon Tea</i> <i>Study Leaves starts at end of the day</i>

FROM THE HEADMISTRESS

In the last few weeks we have had some great events in the Senior School. Girls in Years 10, 11 and Sixth Form enjoyed the Careers Fair, and the chance to explore career options and to hear from inspiring speakers. On the same afternoon Year 7-9 girls reflected on the meaning of Lent, and on the work of CAFOD, and they ended their sessions enjoying hot cross buns together.

I would like to update you all on the progress of the sports field. Unfortunately, our recent application to resurface the field was refused by the Richmond planning committee; however, we remain committed to the benefit of this project for St Catherine's girls and so will now go to appeal. Your continued support is much appreciated as we move ahead.

And as term draws near, the corridors and hall still echo with the music and energy of the wonderful School Production, *Bring It On*. Over Wednesday and Thursday nights this week, we were all treated to a show of wonderful talent, including memorable solos, great dance sequences and an impressively large cast all joyously co-ordinated as Jackson and Truman High Schools battled for the Nationals. We were all caught up in the wonderful spirit of the evening, and much thanks goes to Miss Collett, and all those who helped to create this great production, which ends our term on a high note.

With best wishes for the break, and for a very happy Easter,
Mrs McPherson

EASTER HOMEWORK

Message from Miss Ryan, Head of Years 7-9:

Over the Easter holidays we hope that girls will have a well-earned rest after a long term. Homework set by teachers will only be what would normally be set in the week before the holiday. No extra homework will be set for the break although girls can of course do whatever personal organisation and revision they wish. This might be a good time to look over and make a list of any particular topics in each subject that they might want to go over with their teachers after Easter. Girls should remember that time will be given for some revision in lessons and that they will have revision as homework for the whole week before school exams which start on Monday 13th May.

Easter Revision for Year 10 and 11

With the Easter holidays nearly upon us it is time for the girls to think about all the things they have planned to do during the break. Without a doubt the holidays are here to give us the time to catch up with family and friends, relax and recharge our batteries. The holidays are also a valuable time to focus on GCSEs.

The Year 11 pupils have been well advised by their Form Tutors with regards to putting together a revision timetable to include two hours of set homework per subject over the break, plus their own personal revision. In addition to the guidance that all teachers have provided, there are also some holiday revisions sessions for the girls. They have been encouraged to leave at least four days revision free and to consider six revision hours a day as sufficient. They have also been reminded of the importance of giving their bodies regular exercise, a nutritious diet and plenty of sleep.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind the Year 11s that, although I have had to postpone our Couch to 5k Run, I am still hoping we can meet up for a run and breakfast at my house. The early May Bank Holiday weekend is looking like a good possibility which means you have time over Easter to train!

The Year 10 pupils are, of course, a whole year away from their GCSEs so although some time should be dedicated to school work, they have time to enjoy their break, and even more time to train for their Couch to 5k Run! The school will not set any additional holiday homework for the Year 10 pupils; however, they are advised to spend some time (around 3-4 short days) doing any homework and personal revision, and checking that their files and notes are well organised. The holiday is also a great opportunity to spend time reading.

I wish all my Year 10 and 11 girls, and their families, a lovely Easter.

Best wishes, Mrs Arnold

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

RPS 2019 ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION



RICHMOND & TWICKENHAM PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Incorporating the Royal Photographic Society's Visual Art Group 2019 Print Exhibition
407 Newgate Place, 10052 25th April at St Catherine's School, Twickenham

Thursday 11 April to Monday 22 April 2019

10:00am to 5:00pm daily - Admission £2.00

THE LANDMARK ARTS CENTRE

Ferry Road, Teddington TW11 9NN



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Images from our GCSE students will be exhibited at the Landmark Arts Centre from Thursday 11 April—Monday 22 April.

We are ISA U15 Netball Champions!

Congratulations to those listed below in achieving 1st Place overall in this year's ISA Netball Tournament 2019. St Catherine's beat the 9 other schools competing and revealed true hunger. We managed to get through to the semi-finals playing against Kew House. Then after drawing against Kew at the end of full time we had to play for a golden goal. Fortunately after a tremendous lengthy effort, I Hames scored and we were through. Our last game against Claire's court may only be described as exceptional. We were on the edge of our seats throughout. What a fantastic end to the netball season. We are extremely proud of the following



A Suriyakumaran, J Thomas, F Tolhurst, A Kenningham, M Foster
I Hames, B Roberts, E Watherston, B Williams
We beat the following schools: Claire's Court, Kew House, Meoncross, Alton A & B, Holme Grange and Leighton Park A & B,.

ISA National Cross Country Finals - Rugby School - Saturday 30 March 2019

Congratulations to the following who represented London West at the National Schools Championships.

- o Yr6. Chloe Wayman. 57th out of 70 competitors
- o Yr8. Amber Thomas. 10.45min 12th out of 62 competitors
- o Yr8. Maree Rogers Cummings 10.44 mins. 11th out of 62 competitors
- o Yr9. Tabitha Palmer 13.01. 24th out of 60 competitors
- o Yr9 Bella Williams 11.55 6th out of 60 competitors
- o Yr9. Elizabeth Panton (ran up an age group) 15.25. 5th out of 37 competitors
- o Evie Woolman (position to be confirmed)

PE EXTRA-CURRICULAR SUMMER TERM 2019 (starts Wed 24th April)

	Before school. 7.30	LUNCHTIMES 13.05-13.30	AFTER-SCHOOL 16:00-17:00
MONDAY	Fun netball. All invited. GM&JHe	Long Jump and Throwing Clubs (Seniors). All years JHe & GM Y3-4 Rounders Club KB	meetings
TUESDAY	Senior Early Bird swim GM Y3-6 Fitness Club KB	Middle Distance Runners Radnor gardens. (Seniors) JHe + GM 	Y3-6 Swim Club LW + KB Athletics: Prep and senior Yr3-13 At St Cath's or at St Mary's (see booking) JHe, KB and GM 
WEDNESDAY	Senior Early Bird swim GM	High Jump All Years seniors GM & JHe Prep long jump and throws LW KB	Y5-6 Rounders Club KB Yr 7-8 Rounders JHe & GM
THURSDAY	GCSE Theory JHe . (8-9am) - Y3-6 Swim Club LW	Rounders Match Practice GM and JHe Y3-6 Athletics Running Club LW	Yr 9-13 Rounders Courts/field GM & JHe
FRIDAY	Trampolining Jhe	Y3-6 Cricket Club (on courts) KB + LW Match practice -Rounders Field GM and JHe 	

LENT AFTERNOON

Lent Afternoon – Thursday 28th May 2019

Pupils in Years 7 – 9 were given an opportunity to reflect on the meaning of Lent last Thursday; Miss Ryan organised and led a liturgy focusing on Lent as a season of growth – ‘Lent’ comes from an old



English word meaning to lengthen. This is something we have been seeing all around us recently as the days get longer, trees and plants are blossoming and Spring is very definitely with us. Pupils were invited to think about their journey through the season – how have they grown and how have they helped others to grow?



Alongside this time of prayer, we were delighted to welcome some volunteers from CAFOD Westminster, who gave a presentation on the work of their organisation and led some very active games and role-play, challenging pupils to think about how funds raised should be distributed to those in need. Pupil donations raised £150.00 which we will be sending to CAFOD for the Cyclone Idai appeal. The afternoon finished with Hot Cross buns and squash on the Lawn.

M Ryan



CAREERS EVENT

Stepping into the Future

The girls at St Catherine's have all been considering their bright futures. Since our last newsletter, the Year 12 girls have been to the UCAS Exhibition at the London Excel Centre. The girls enjoyed the visit, and were able to visit stalls held by many different universities. They were able to choose to attend a range of talks, and heard from a wide variety of speakers on topics such as gap years and applying for medicine.



Secondly, Year 13 heard a talk from Cardiff University on the topic of student finance. They heard about student loans, and also considered scholarships, bursaries and the importance of being balanced in the approach to part-time work while studying.

Last but certainly not least, all girls in Year 10 and above attended our biennial Careers

Fair. Girls visited a range of stalls from such diverse organisations as Norland Nannies and the Royal Marines, and of course the usual careers such as Medicine and Law were represented, as well as various universities and gap year organisations.



During the Careers Fair, the girls also had their horizons broadened by three outstanding speakers. Firstly, they heard from Jane Philpott, the Deputy Commissioner of the Fire Brigade, and the woman who led the heroic team who attended at the Grenfell tragedy. Jane is a truly brave woman who has plotted a path to the top in a male-dominated industry. Next, the girls heard from Sarah Levisour. Sarah read History at Oxford, but ended up in the tech industry. She let the girls see how careers can take unexpected turns, and encouraged girls to consider a career in this expanding industry. Lastly, we were pleased to welcome Caroline O'Donoghue. Caroline has is

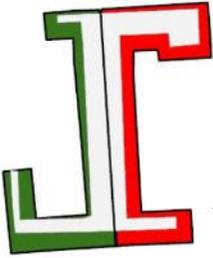


an author and a journalist, and has written for the Times and Grazia, among others. Caroline spoke about her writing career and the importance of taking initiative and developing networks. All in all, the Careers Fair provided a real afternoon of inspiration, and we give our thanks to everyone who helped with this event.



Miss Bellerby

BRING IT ON



On Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th April, St Catherine's Senior School performed their annual school production. This year, it was 'Bring It On! The Musical', and everyone who saw it can bear witness to the fact that it was an absolute triumph! The story follows young Campbell Davis (Clementine Chitty) in her quest to take her high school cheerleading team, the Truman Buccaneers, to Nationals. However, due to the scheming ways of Eva (Sophie Bainbridge), Campbell is transferred to a new school which doesn't even have a cheer squad! With her old friend Bridget (Emma-Jane Fothergill) by her side, she works with her new school's hip hop crew: Danielle, Nautica and La Cienega (Donya Khorsandi, Millicent Foster and Lara Frampton) and creates a rival cheer squad to compete against old rivals including Skylar, Kylar, Tylar, and Steven (Samreen Johal, Charlotte Tait, Eleanor Chidwick and Beth Kella-way). With help from new friends Twig, Cameron and Randall (Jennifer Weaver,

Charlize Danza and Girija Sharma), the Jackson Irish compete to a thunderous reception. They do not win, having broken so many rules, but the final song, 'I Got You', reminds all participants that the most important thing to take away is not the trophy, but the friends that you make along the way.

Over 100 girls have been involved in the production, and have worked tirelessly to create such a wonderful show. The cast have been singing and dancing their hearts out, and have even been rehearsing on Sundays since February half term. The backstage crew have been wonderfully organised, running the whole show with slickness and precision. As the curtain came up on Wednesday night, every single girl was full of anticipation for the shows ahead, and as the curtain went down on Thursday night's show, every single girl was rightfully incredibly proud of her magnificent achievements.

What a show it's been; I hope everybody has a relaxing Easter holiday in order to recover!

Miss S Collett



Dear Parents,

On Friday 22 March 2019 we saw the Sister Paula Thomas Hall transformed for our much awaited Prep School PJ Disco.



The atmosphere was buzzing and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves, including the parents.



We had amazing performances from our Hot House and Bollywood Bounce girls. Well done to everyone, it was a fantastic show and we very much appreciated all the efforts in entertaining us.

I would like to thank all the helpers on the night. Without your help, the Sister Paula Thomas Hall would not have looked as amazing as it did. A special thank you to Paul Carless, who as always, ran a fantastic bar.

My final thanks must go to our resident DJ, Kevin from Dancemasters and the amazing dancers, who really put everyone in the party spirit.



AGM



FOSC will be holding their next Annual AGM on Monday 29 April 2019 and we are looking for fresh new faces to join us.

Sadly, I will be standing down as FOSC Chair after two years in this role. We will also be losing our Vice Chair, Clare Murphy and our Estate Boards Organiser, Denise Stewart. FOSC needs **fresh faces** with **new ideas** and **enthusiasm** to fill these shoes!

If you are interested, but hesitant because you are not sure if you would enjoy the experience, please do contact me to discuss further.

Being a FOSC committee member will allow you to discover talents you never knew you had, get involved more with the school and further develop your organisation and management skills. Please contact myself to become involved. We would love to hear from you!



Bollywood Bounce

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Bollywood Bounce is moving to Thursday at 4.00pm to 4.45pm after Easter. If your daughter is interested in learning Bollywood and Bhangra dance, please contact our Mum, Shalu Shah, on 07944 671746 or by email on shalu.shah@gmail.com. Shalu is full of life and energy and will get everyone moving and grooving!

FOSC KEY DATES

EVENTS:	MUFTI DAY SUMMER FAIR	FRIDAY 21 JUNE SUNDAY 23 JUNE
MEETINGS	CLASS REPS / AGM COMMITTEE CLASS REPS COMMITTEE	MONDAY 29 APRIL TUESDAY 14 MAY MONDAY 3 JUNE TUESDAY 2 JULY

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
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