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Chapel Choir Tour to Canterbury Cathedral

Over the Easter break, the choristers of the Chapel Choir spent 5 days as 'Choir-in-Residence' of Canterbury Cathedral. They sang every evening in the Cathedral to several hundred people. In addition the boys sang in Rochester Cathedral on the final day. There was also time for bowling, football, quizzes and lots of fun.

A thoroughly memorable tour. Congratulations to all Choristers and thank you to all staff who gave up their holiday time to take the boys away and to the parents who came along and supported us.

LINVOY PRIMUS VISIT (Years 5 - 13)

Thursday 29th April

2:30pm Faith and Football address

3:30pm Book signing (books on sale at £10 each)

Any parents wishing to attend should notify us in advance.

Prayer and Reflection

Let's think about the term ahead. There seems so much work to do!

Gaudi, the architect of The Cathedral of the Sagrada Familia in Barcelona, knew that, brick by brick, his Cathedral would grow and, one day, be complete. It's the same for us. Step by step, we'll reach the end of term. And when we arrive there perhaps we will have achieved something worthwhile, something that at the moment feels too far away to reach.

Gaudi also knew that when he was working to create something good he was, in some way, working with and towards God. This is what he wrote: 'Creation continues incessantly through the works of Man. But man does not create: he discovers.'

Cricket practices are now in full swing!

Seniors (Yr 10, 11, 12, 13) Mondays 3:45pm - 5:00pm
Juniors (Years 7, 8, 9) Thursdays 3:45pm - 5:00pm

Nets will take place on Thursdays and Friday lunchtimes. Check the notice board for details.

U14 Hampshire Cup v Churcher's College (H) - Friday 30th April.
Leaving at 3:00pm. This match will finish at approx 6:30pm.

Rounders practice is back!

Wednesday from 3:45pm - 5:00pm

Years 7 & 8 on the School Yard
Years 9 & 10 Pembroke Park, Southsea

See Miss Brown if you have any questions.

Polite reminder... Please make sure your child has adequate money to cover their bus/train fare home. Should your child need to borrow money, we have a very small amount available to lend, which should be paid back the following day.

Politics Society

On Monday 26 April at 7.30pm in the auditorium there will be a meeting of the parliamentary candidates for Portsmouth South. All are welcome to put questions to the candidates and to hear them make their pitch for the votes of people in the constituency. For further details please contact Dr Goodlad via the school office or on grahg@stjohnscollege.co.uk

Key Dates

Sunday 25th April

Boarders' Weekend Activity
Arundel Castle

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Tuesday 27th April

Year 12/13 Business Trip (London)

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Wednesday 28th April

Year 12/13 Economics Trip (London)

9:00am - AS/A2 Drama Dress Rehearsal (all day)

12:00noon - 5:00pm A2 Art Exam

1:00pm - 5:00pm GCSE Art Exam

4:00pm - AS/A2 Drama Exam Rehearsal

7:00pm - GCSE/A level Music Concert

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Thursday 29th April

9:30am - 11:00am. Whole School Open Morning

9:00pm - UK Junior Maths Challenge

2:30pm - Address by Linvoy Primus

3:30pm - AS/A2 Drama Moderation -
5:00pm & 7:00pm (Drama Studio)

7:00pm - Boarders' Talent Show

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Friday 30th April

9:00am - Year 8 Girls HPV Vaccination

10:20am - Year 11 meet the Sixth Form
(A & D)

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Sunday 2nd May

Boarders' Weekend Activity (Sunday)
Bowling

Congratulations



to Mrs Athawes who gave birth to a gorgeous baby boy named Elliot on Monday 19 April.

ATTENTION YEAR 7 PUPILS

Would all pupils in Year 7 who won major (large shield/cup) prizes at last year's Lower School Prize Giving please return them to the Lower School Office as soon as possible.

Lower School News

French Visit

32 pupils from Year 6, accompanied by 5 members of staff, spent 5 days of their Easter holidays at the Château du Tertre in Ambrières, Normandy.

During their stay, they were able to experience many aspects of French life, including tasting snails, sampling cider, making croissants and practising their spoken French in a local market.

They also visited Omaha Beach and the Caen Peace Memorial as a follow up to their recent study of the D-Day Landings. A walk through the American Cemetery at Colleville, where they saw over 12,000 white crosses, brought home to them vividly the horrors of war.

Parents have been invited to a Cheese and Wine Evening on Friday 30th April in the Maurice Wing where they will be able to see a PowerPoint Presentation and look at photographs of the holiday,



Head Teacher Awards

The following Year 4 pupils achieved awards for their Viking projects:

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| Gold | Jonty Van Rooyen |
| Silver | Angus Gueterbock, Charles Whittaker, Alan MacDonald, Ben Cheeseman, Molly Hayes |
| Bronze | Matilda Clark, Monty Royston |

Linvoy Primus Visit

Pupils in Year 5 and 6 are joining the Upper School this Thursday to hear Linvoy Primus speak about his faith and football career. There will be an opportunity for children to purchase copies of his book (priced at £10 each) which will be signed on the day. Children should bring money with them to school if they wish to purchase.

Cricket Training

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| Saturday. Sports Hall. Years 3/4, Under 9 Squad | 9:30am - 10:30am |
| Years 5/6, Under 10/11 players | 10:30am - 11:30am |

For the Under 10/11 sessions, protective equipment may be brought along for a full nets session.

Sun Hats

'Legionnaire' style school hats, with the school badge on, are available for purchase from the Lower School Office priced at £3.50 each. We would prefer our children to wear these 'official' items, however, plain blue/navy alternatives without badges or logos are acceptable. Parents who have already collected a hat for their child but are yet to pay should bring payment to the Lower School Office as soon as possible.



Nursery News

I would just like to say a warm welcome back to Nursery to all of our families after the Easter Holidays. The children have come back very relaxed and eager to learn.

The Rockets have been learning about different types of weather. They have made kites and talked about the wind. They played a game where they tried on different kinds of clothing and decided which type of weather it was suitable to be worn in. They also watered the garden and spoke about how the rain helps the flowers and plants to grow.

The Stars focussed on transport this week. They made London bus models out of junk, aeroplanes out of plastic water bottles and talked about the volcanic ash and why the aeroplanes were not flying this week. All the art and craft work produced is going to be part of a big transport display in the Stars room.

Overall, we have had a very productive start to the Summer Term.

Miss Utchanah
Head of Nursery