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ST CATHERINE'S NEWSLETTER

"Be who God wants you to be, and you will set the world on fire." - St Catherine of Siena



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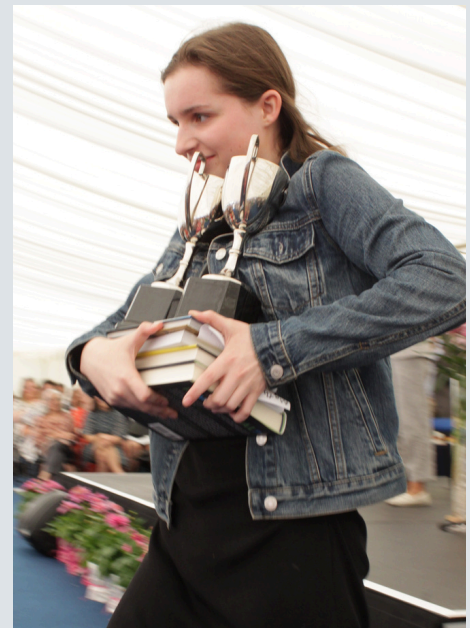
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St Catherine's Day

On Saturday 29 June, we enjoyed a wonderful celebration of the school year at our annual St Catherine's Day. We began the day with a mass celebrated by Father Rod and it was wonderful for the whole community to be together in this context. Guest speaker Priya Lakhani - OBE, founder and CEO of Century Tech, fascinated us all with her story of fearlessness, resilience and determination. The girls have said how much they enjoyed hearing about Priya's achievements, and her excitement to make the most of the opportunities ahead of them was inspiring.

We were delighted to be able to bring the whole school community together to reflect on another year of academic, sporting and personal success. We enjoyed hearing the exciting and wide-ranging University courses that our Year 13 leavers are heading off to; from Medicine, Law and Engineering, to Fashion Design and 3D Animation; St Catherine's girls have exciting futures ahead of them.

Thank you to parents, staff and girls for coming together on this most enjoyable occasion to celebrate our school community.



Prep Production - Seussical Jr



Seussical Jr hit the stage at St Catherine's on Monday 1 July 2024. The Year 6 classes led the way with energy and colour to tell the story of Horton the Elephant (played by Mary) trying to save a small world while not letting his friends down in the Jungle of Nool.

Year 5 worked hard to help bring Whoville to life and capture the magic of the story on stage. The performance was a huge success and featured stunning backdrops and props painted by the Prep Art Club.

Well done to all of the girls who took part, and thank you to all of the staff who worked so hard to make our production such a success. Particular thanks go to Mrs Vanni, Miss Conway and Mrs McLaughlin. We were also incredibly grateful to Mrs Neale who stepped in to help out with our performances on Monday and to Charlie in Year 9 for all her help with sound and lighting.

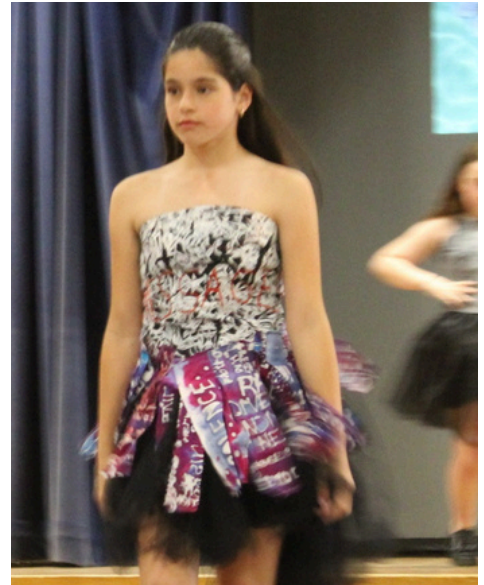
Creative Arts Showcase

On Friday 21 June, our school hall was transformed into a vibrant runway and gallery for St Catherine's first ever Creative Arts Showcase. This event featured an extraordinary fashion show put on by our talented pupils, highlighting their creativity and hard work.

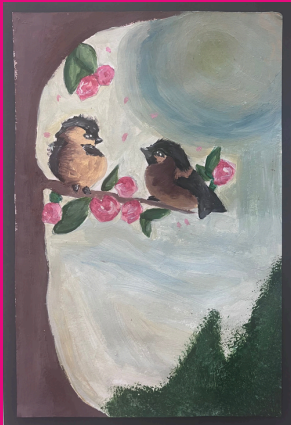
The evening began with an exhibition of stunning artwork created by pupils from various year groups in both the Senior School and Prep. The dedication and skill of our young artists were evident in every piece.

As the audience settled into their seats, the music began to play, signalling the start of the fashion show. The result was a spectacular display of creativity and innovation. The pupils modeled their own creations with confidence, striding down the runway to the applause and cheers of the audience.

The Creative Arts Showcase was not just an exhibition of talent, but a celebration of the hard work, dedication, and passion of our pupils and staff.



Lower School Artwork on display - entries for our planner competition



Year 8 Trip to Conkers Activity Centre



During activities week, Year 8 enjoyed a trip to Conkers Activity Centre and the Black Country Living Museum. On the first day we travelled to Conkers Activity Centre, where we were split into groups and took part in four activities: go-karting, canoeing, low ropes and an assault course (which was hilarious). The activities were so much fun but very challenging because of the pouring rain - most of us got very muddy! Despite that, we managed to complete them all with smiles on our faces and had a great time.

The next day we travelled back in time to the Black Country Museum in Dudley. There, we had a tour around the site, and we were told all about what it was like to live in the Black Country during the Victorian Times. This included going down into the dark mines to see how hard work was back then. I loved learning about the "Pit Wenches"; women who weren't prim and proper, but instead rolled up their sleeves and got their hands dirty daant pit! We also had fish and chips, which was definitely one of my highlights. Overall, we had such an amazing time and made lots of great memories. Thank you to Ms Pattison, Mrs Gava, Mrs McDonough, Mrs Neale, Mrs Lister and Mr Scott for such a brilliant trip.

Rose, Year 8

Year 10 Sixth Form Experience

Every year we run a three day Sixth Form Experience for Year 10. This is a chance for the girls to spend some time thinking about their future. In order to anticipate how it feels to be at the top of the school, Year 10 enjoyed the privileges of wearing their own clothes, being allowed off site during lunch, using the Sixth Form Common Room and not having to Yondr their phones.

Monday's theme was A Level choices and the girls attended a range of A Level Taster lessons and were encouraged to think about what subjects might be right for them in Sixth Form. Monday ended with a fantastic external speaker delivering a careers talk and workshop, looking at Careers of the Future.

On Tuesday we headed south to the University of Sussex where the girls toured the campus and listened to some guidance on university life and applications before having the chance to quiz current students. This was followed by an excursion into Brighton to explore the Lanes and waterfront.

Wednesday morning focused on what Sixth Form at St Catherine's has to offer. The girls continued to enjoy the common room space and the freedom to leave site at lunchtime; the daily dilemma of Nandos or Pret dominated the conversations at break time. In the afternoon the girls heard from Mrs McPherson and I about life as a Sixth Former at St Catherine's, before having the chance to speak to the current Year 12, putting their questions to the real experts on Sixth Form life. It was an absolute pleasure to spend this time with the girls, and it is always exciting to see the next generation of girls taking their first steps to being at the top of the school.

Mr Stringer



Year 12 Economics Trip

Year 12 Economics pupils visited the Bank of England on Wednesday, 22 May.

They discovered more about the Monetary Policy Committee's role in controlling inflation, as well as exploring exhibitions on the history of the Royal Mint and the future of digital currency. It was a fascinating trip, and an excellent way to support their A Level studies.



STEM Industrial Cadets

This year, St Catherine's Science department took part in the Industrial Cadets Bronze accreditation programme. This industry-led scheme allows young people to look at real-world topics, involving hands-on team tasks, role-model interactions, STEM activities, and project-based problem-solving.

We submitted three teams of six pupils. The project was completed over 12 weeks and was largely pupil-led with the support of a qualified representative from the engineering sector. Over the course of the project, the girls had to complete a written report and produce a physical model. They also prepared a presentation outlining their solution to the chosen STEM problem. At the end, the girls underwent an assessment conducted by a professional panel, where their work was assessed. After completion, pupils, teachers, mentors and industry representatives attended a celebration event in the summer to recognise their work and to engage with other teams and professionals.



The St Catherine's girls enjoyed interacting with engineers at Mott MacDonald's Blackfriars office.

Project 1 (Jocelyn, Francesca, Gemma, Armance and Mila - Year 9)

The aim of this project was to create a sustainable pavement alternative, harnessing the energy of vibrations as pedestrians walk, and converting it into electricity that could be used to power street lamps. The group undertook research, including complex mathematical calculations, to ascertain how much energy could be generated, and produced innovative zero-waste designs.

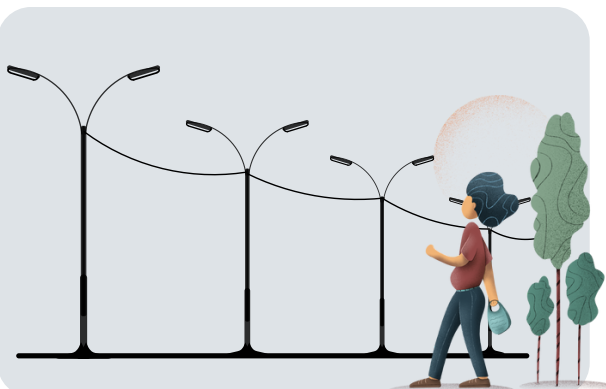
Project 2 (Ayesha, Iman, Clementine, Cecilia, Kimaiya and Matilda - Year 8)

This team were aiming to design an osteoarthritis specialised prosthetic arm that would help many people, with its motion sensor, thermal imaging camera and mobile phone app. The team researched the problems related to prosthetic limbs, including interviewing patients and engineers.

Project 3 (Siya, Leila, Jasmine, Chairi, Emma and Isabella - Year 9)

This team were tasked with designing future-proof buildings to withstand climate change. They chose Madagascar as the location for their designs, as it is very vulnerable to flooding and extreme storms, and is also economically vulnerable. With their research and innovative ideas, the pupils aimed to help the people of Madagascar to storm and flood-proof their houses.

**"I loved learning about prosthetics and how they work. I worked as a researcher, report writer and on the slideshow. During this project we worked through challenging moments but managed to overcome them. This was a very positive experience for us."
Cecilia, Year 8**



Year 10 Food Trip

On Monday 10 June, Year 10 Food and Nutrition pupils went on a trip to London's East End. We arrived at Liverpool Street station and walked to Spitalfields market where we spent some time on a Lipton ice tea bus! Then we met our tour guide who led us around the East End and told us about the area's cultural history, including its famous brewery, as we walked down Brick Lane.

We had many food stops including some Sri Lankan street food, Ghanaian chocolate and vegan doughnuts. We then retired to Spitalfields market for some shopping before heading home. We had an amazing day and we would like to thank Mrs Proudfoot for organising and running this trip!

Rima and Chloe Y10



Water Rocket Challenge - NPL



On 26 June a group of Year 7 and 8 pupils went to the NPL Water Rocket Challenge. Two teams were lucky enough to participate. I was on the "Cosmic Cats" team with Tabitha, Rosie, Lily Mei and Paula. The pupils on the "Comety Cat" team were Gabrielle, Joanna, Seraphina, Sayuri and Neeve.

Fortunately the weather was good and there was no breeze, which helped with the launch of our rockets. We were all really excited and had prepared hard, with T-shirts that had been designed by Gabrielle, Jocelyn (Joanna's sister) and me. We made four rockets for each team. We worked hard to make sure they flew "to the chimney pots and beyond" as we decided this was going to be our slogan.

The Main Event

We fired our rockets and managed to get all of them landing in the target zones. We were delighted to come 3rd and 4th overall out of over 40 teams attending!

The "Comety Cats" came a highly commended 4th. "The Cosmic Cats" went up on the podium to receive their prize for coming 3rd. Congratulations everyone!

The EGGSTRA Challenge

Finally each team fired a rocket which contained a raw egg. The idea was to try to fire the rocket and land it without breaking the egg inside. If we could do this we would receive the "Eggstra Challenge" Certificate. We packed one section of each of the rockets with broken up sponges on the inside surrounding the egg to absorb the impact of the rocket hitting the ground when it landed.

After every rocket was checked the judges announced the results and presented the prizes. Both the "Comety Cats" and the "Cosmic Cats" teams received certificates for firing and landing their eggs unsmashed!

The whole event was very enjoyable and helped us learn about forces such as gravity and air resistance. This was a brilliant experience that enriched my learning and my love for STEM activities.



My favourite part was making the rockets together as we did it as a team and everyone got to participate. I felt like this was a great way for me to get to know my current friends better and make new ones. This is because not only did I work with people from my year, but I also worked with people in Year 7.

I felt that doing this activity helped build a community of St Catherine's girls just like me, who love STEM and everything that comes with it. We are all really looking forward to returning to NPL next year. This has inspired me to throw myself into Science and Maths even more than before. Many thanks to Mr Blake and Mr Belk for running this amazing activity.

Motty, Year 8

Year 7 Retreat

On Wednesday 19 June, Year 7 visited the Wintershall Estate in Guildford for their retreat, and to watch the Life of Christ Performance. The girls had an enjoyable day watching a live re-enactment of the life of Jesus, from His birth, His life and ministry and finally, His passion, death and resurrection.

It was a great way for the girls to understand the Gospels in depth. They particularly enjoyed Jesus coming into the audience and talking to them and also the feeding of the 5,000, when they shared delicious bread together.



Year 10 Retreat

On Wednesday 12 June, Year 10 walked to St Stephen's Church in Twickenham for their retreat. They spent the day learning about how they are all Children of God and what that can mean for them today.

The girls engaged with lots of different prayer activities and then enjoyed a delicious lunch along with a treat of Domino's Pizza. In the afternoon, we spent time in Marble Hill park and had a big game of rounders before enjoying a leisurely stroll back to school.



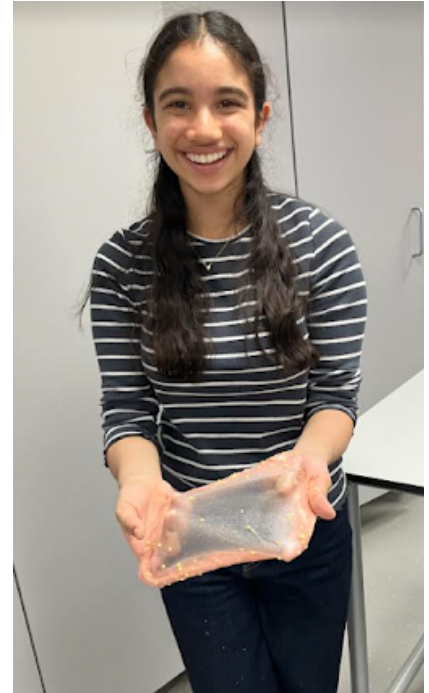
Science



Pupils in Year 8 explored making slime as part of their Science topic on 'Polymers'.

They demonstrated exceptional creativity and took the initiative to make the perfect bouncy slime using shaving cream, glitter, and beads. This was well supported by our lovely Science technicians, Mrs Solanki and Miss Roselli.

The pupils showed maturity and worked collaboratively as a whole class, creating a skipping rope and a huge layer of transparent slime. It was wonderful to see the whole class's team spirit, bubbling with positivity and passion for Science.



Music



On Tuesday 18 June the Music Department held a 'Rockbandz' Taster session for Senior girls. The KS4/5 group tackled the song 'Believer' by Imagine Dragons. With the help of the tutor Tesia Harrison, they were able to perform this, without any support, on drums, bass, electric guitar and lead vocals in one half hour session.

The KS3 girls learned '7 nation Army' by White Stripes which is a favourite of the Year 8s who had studied it when looking at the blues genre in their curriculum lessons. It was great to watch them perform it in a band situation with lead vocals on microphones.

We are offering 'Rockbandz' as a peripatetic lesson next year to girls in the Senior School on a Tuesday lunchtime. Parents can sign their daughters up via the portal. Please visit [rock-bandz](#) for more details.

"I had never played the bass before and now I can play a whole song. That's really cool. I'd like to try the electric guitar in the next session" - Hettie, Year 9

Socials



To celebrate the arrival of summer, Year 9 enjoyed a Bingo Barbecue Bonanza on Tuesday 18 June on Duck Lawn.

Many congratulations to Armance, Millie, Maddy, Siya and Alice who all won prizes. Thank you to Mandipa for instigating impromptu karaoke and to Mr Novak and Ms Pattison for organising the event.



Year 10 enjoyed a sunny afternoon with some new friends from the London Oratory School on Tuesday 25 June.

They had a quiz followed by dinner al fresco. Congratulations to the winning team pictured here: Imogen, Isabella and Bea.

Pupil Success



Congratulations and "enhorabuena" to Mya in Year 10 who received a commendation from The Queen's College, University of Oxford, for her entry in the Anthea Bell Translation Prize. ¡Olé!



Very well done to Pippa in Year 10 for her success in the Acro 11-16 age group London Regional Champion trophy. Pippa was also the very worthy winner of our Outstanding Achievement in Sport Award on St Catherine's Day.



Very well done to Sammy in Year 8 who, after getting through many rounds of trials, represented Richmond at the London Youth Games in Netball. Sammy enjoyed a fantastic day as GK.

Prep Music Assembly

Prep hosted their final Music Assembly of the year on Tuesday 18 June. There were 11 pupils who shared their musical talents playing the piano, violin and drums. They ranged from beginner to Grade 6, and performed with confidence and accuracy to deliver a wonderful array of musical genres.

Anaya started with a delicately played piece on the piano and set the bar high for the performers, and Ruby definitely got everyone moving in their seats playing 'Gold Lion' on the drum kit. We had a calm finish with Ava playing Für Elise with elegance. It has been a delight to see the growth and development of musical skill that our pupils have to offer, and I hope that these opportunities will encourage more pupils to step forward and share their talents within the school.



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"I loved playing the piano in assembly because I've never done a recital before"
- Hattie

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"I really enjoyed the recital. It was fun to watch people perform. They did so well."
- Lotta

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Year 5 and 6 Art Club

This term in Art club, Year 5 and 6 have been preparing sets and props for the big Seussical production taking place at the end of term.

We have made three Seussian backdrops, a shoal of fish and some Who houses. We used very bright, vibrant colours to make it all eye-catching on the stage.

We are all used to making small pictures in art lessons, so we loved the chance to make artwork on such a huge scale.

We enjoyed listening to Seussical music while we created our masterpieces - this definitely helped us learn our lines for the performance and made the club really good fun too.

Tess 6S



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Year 2-4 Art Club



In Art Club we have been exploring lots of different media and techniques this term.

We started off with transitory artwork of butterflies inspired by **Andy Goldsworthy**. After that, we moved on to working with acrylic paint and pastels to create a painting of Crayola crayons.

Since half term we have created paintings of silver birch trees in a magical forest using bleeding tissue paper for the background and a printing technique for the birch bark.

Currently, we're working on a mixed media piece with acrylic paint and collage.

It's been a fun and busy term in Art Club and we loved sharing our work with parents and other pupils at the Creative Arts Showcase.



Duke of Edinburgh



Well done to the Year 10 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Group who passed their Qualifying Expedition in the Surrey Hills with flying colours. They were a fantastic group who conducted themselves brilliantly. The teams were organised and demonstrated strong navigation skills and were able to complete their routes in good time and enjoy the evenings on camp as a result.

Congratulations to: Pippa C, Sophia, Olivia, Evie, Catherine, Claudia, Rima, Lara, Cecilia, Eve, Hannah, Mona, Pippa L, Eva, Ellie, Erin, Sofia, Keiara, Amanda, Farah, Imogen, Viktoria, Kaitlyn, Mya, Sophia, Zara, Isabella, Imogen, Beatrice, Isabella, Ocean, Phoebe, Sophie and Josie.

A huge well done to the Year 11 Silver Duke of Edinburgh Group who passed their Qualifying Expedition in the South Downs this week. They have had a fantastic year participating in the Silver award. The instructors were impressed with their navigation skills and ability to overcome any obstacles with maturity and determination.

Congratulations to: Isla, Rebecca, Emma, Eve, Jessica, Mia, Victoria, Chloe, Isabel, Alex, Ilinca, Isabella, Mary and Dionna.



Maths Feast

Last week St Catherine's held our Maths Feast - a wonderful week of mathematical challenges and creative activities. On 24 June, Prep and Senior Girls took part in our Pi Day. We had a highly successful bake sale, with Pi themed cakes, pies and biscuits, raising a total of £140 for Mary Meals.

The Year 5, 6 and 8 Food Tech classes baked cakes and pastries on a mathematical theme. They made 'Pi' jaffa cakes and bread representing mathematical equations. They also learnt that Maths is present in cooking through measuring, weighing and recording.

On Tuesday 25 June, mathematician Zoe Griffiths from Think Maths delivered a series of workshops. Year 10 had fun creating their very own dodecahedrons using just A4 paper. Years 7, 8 and Year 5 and 6 Maths Club took part in the Mathematical Magic workshop and learnt about the maths behind card tricks.



Maths Feast Competition Winners

Mr Z's Big Question: Jocelyn, Jasmine, Chairou and Elle, Year 9

Pi-Ku Poem: Charlotte 7M

Pi Day Bake: Alice 9C, Emilia 7S and Isadora Year 4

Show Me the Data: Amna 6C



Year 2 & 3 Trip to Ufton Court



Year 2 and 3 had an incredible day out at Ufton Court in June as part of our learning about the Ancient Greeks. The girls took part in three different workshops during the day to learn about trade, fighting and crime and punishment. Here's what the girls had to say about their experience:

Zayaana: "I learned that they had democracy and courts"

Stella: "I learned how to be a Spartan warrior"

Kiena: "I learned that the ancient Greeks traded with each other"

Zayaana: "I liked fighting with Kiena in slow motion"

Kareena: "I liked that Sparta got to steal from the other Greek states during the trading game!"

**Annabel:
"I liked doing the trial.
Stella's face was really funny when she had the chains on!"**



Sasha: "I learned the different Greek names for spears, swords and shields"

Charlie: "I learned some of the punishments like being put in the stocks or death by falling!"

Hattie: "I liked the bartering activity because I got to guard the bread when there was a bad harvest"



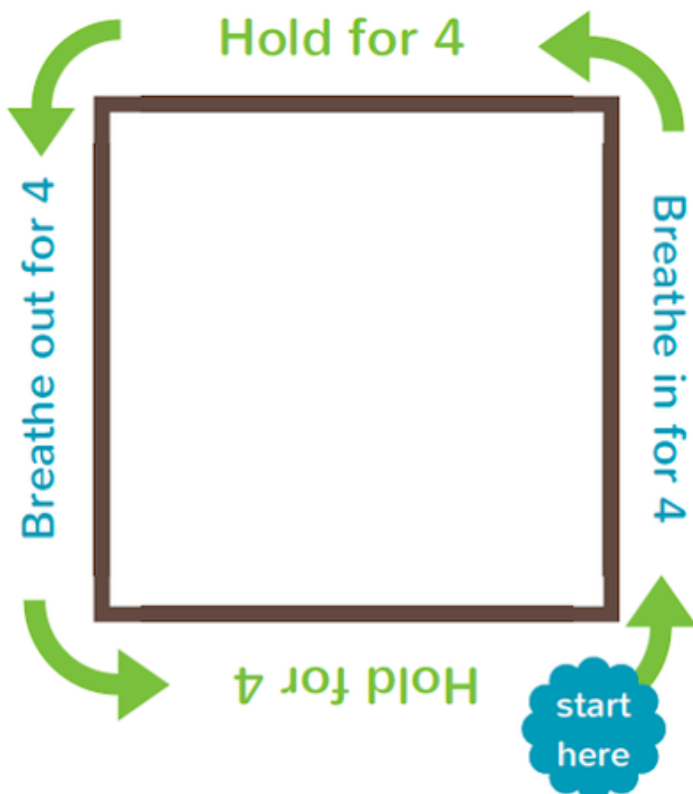
Independent Listener - Anxiety and Breathing

Tackling anxiety and learning how to breathe

You might be drawn to the title of this article and think to yourself, I know how to breathe, how does breathing help with anxiety? The answer is that breathing exercises disrupt your body's stress response of fight-flight-freeze. When your brain senses a threat, it switches on this stress response in order to protect you. There are lots of physiological changes happening, which include: your blood flow, heart rate, muscle tone and respiration changes. If you can re-set your respiration than the rest of the body will follow that cue, and help to reduce your anxious response.

When you engage in a breathing exercise, you distract your mind and you slow your heart rate and soothe your entire nervous system. Don't take my word for it, try it out and practise one of the exercises below. Once you have found an exercise you like that works for you, try and ground it in your everyday routines, practise before bed or on the commute to school in the morning.

- Focus on your breath with long, easy inhales and exhales. Close your eyes and try counting slowly to seven with each inhale and to eight with each exhale. Exhale all your breath so you feel your lungs fully empty each time. If you become distracted by noises or your own thoughts, remind yourself that you don't need to engage with them. If you lose your breathing count that's okay; just start again counting in for seven and out for eight. Repeat at least 3 to 5 times.
- Lie on your back with your knees bent. Place one hand on your belly and the other on your chest. As you breathe in imagine you are filling a balloon in your belly. Your hand will rise as your belly fills with air. The hand on your chest should not rise as much. As you exhale, just let your balloon slowly deflate. Allow yourself to feel more and more relaxed with each balloon breath.



- Square breathing – start at the bottom right of the square. Breathe in for 4 counts as you trace the side of the square. Hold your breath for 4 counts as you trace the second side of the square. Breathe out for 4 counts as you trace the third side of the square. Hold your breath for 4 counts as you trace the final side of the square. You have just completed one deep breath!

Dr Olivia Deakin (Independent Listener)

“When you engage in a breathing exercise, you distract your mind and you slow your heart rate and soothe your entire nervous system ”



Prep Sports Festival

A year of hard work in sports leaders club resulted in an absolutely fantastic Sports Festival for Year 2, 3 and 4.

The girls worked so hard and it was fantastic to see the festival running so smoothly and all involved having an amazing time. At the end of the morning all girls were left with giant smiles and a t-shirt covered in stickers. A brilliant achievement, well done girls!

Our sports Leaders are: Tess, Clara, Vanda, Scarlett, Sophie, Gabby, Lola, Lucy, Alice, Tulin, Ronnie, Mary, Sammy,



Prep Gardening Club

The girls have really enjoyed growing fruit and vegetables in the Prep Garden during their Gardening Club.

Last week, we celebrated our first strawberries and Lucy in Year 4 enjoyed participating in the taste test!

We look forward to the girls taking home some of their plants at the end of term and enjoying their crops in the Autumn term.



Rugby & Careers

On 4 June, some of our Year 9 pupils enjoyed a fantastic day at the Harlequins Switch Festival at the Stoop - home to Harlequins RFC.

In the morning they took part in a fast-paced and exciting touch rugby tournament on the main pitch. The girls played superbly with great teamwork and determination.

In the afternoon, they took part in a number of workshops and activities including: working with a firearms unit and a riot unit from the Metropolitan Police; a talk with London Firefighters where the girls could race to put on protective clothing; meeting a Police horse; a presentation about careers within the wider sports industry; and finally a presentation from a current Harlequins player about women's sport.

The girls had a great day and came away inspired and full of enthusiasm for the opportunities sport can offer.



Cricket



Well done to the Year 4 cricket teams who played Newland House on 4 June. It was fantastic to see the girls having such a great time and some brilliant cricket being played.

A special mention goes to Clara for her big boundary and to Gabi for her brilliant bowling.

Well done to Ria for being voted winning player of the match by Newland.



Sport and Mental Health

There's plenty of evidence that taking part in physical activity can have a profound and positive impact on mental wellbeing. Being physically active can improve mood, decrease the chance of depression and anxiety and lead to a better and more balanced lifestyle.

Improved mood

Studies show that physical activity has a positive impact on our mood. One study asked people to rate their mood after a period of exercise (i.e. walking or gardening) and after inactivity (i.e. reading a book). Researchers found that people felt more awake, calmer and more content after physical activity.

Reduced stress

Being regularly active is shown to have a beneficial impact on alleviating stress. It can help manage stressful lifestyles or preparing for exams such as our Year 11 and 13 girls currently are. Being active can help us make better decisions when under pressure.

Research shows that active people tend to have lower stress rates compared to those who are less active.

Increased self-esteem

Physical activity has a big impact on our self-esteem – that's how we feel about ourselves.

This is a key indicator of mental wellbeing. People with improved self-esteem can cope better with stress.

Depression and anxiety

Exercise has been described as a "wonder cure" in preventing and managing mental health. Many GPs now prescribe physical activity for depression.

It's effective at both preventing the onset of depression and managing symptoms.

Mr Frangos



ISA Athletics

On Wednesday 5 June, we took a squad of 37 girls to the ISA athletics tournament at the Thames Valley Athletics Centre. It was a brilliant day and all the girls taking part represented the school fantastically.

The girls took part in many different events sharing the disciplines between the year groups. The field events were: rounders ball throw, javelin, shot put, discuss, high jump, triple jump and long jump.

The track events were: the hurdles, 1500m, 800m, 600m, 400m, 200m, 150m, 100m, 80m, 75m, 60m and the relay.

Under 12 Results

80m - 1st - Eva

150m - 1st - Sophie

Long Jump - 2nd - Eva

Under 13 Results

1500m - 3rd - Poppy

Under 15 Results

1500m - 3rd - Rose

Shot Put - 1st - Tia

Under 17 Results

300m - 3rd - Pippa

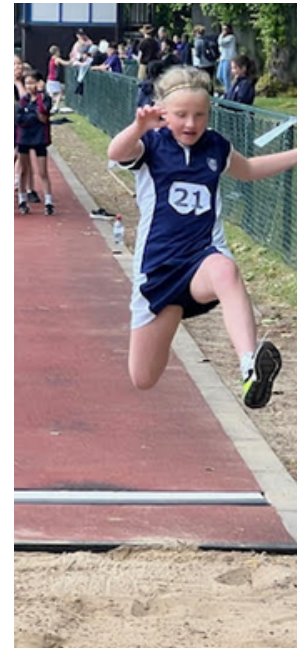
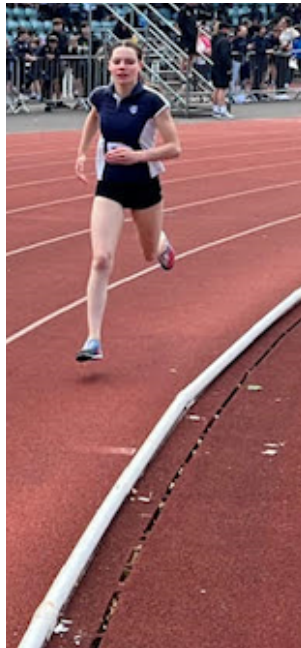
800m - 3rd - Chloe

Discus - 2nd - Erin

Javelin - 3rd - Claudia

High Jump - 2nd - Chloe

Triple Jump - 2nd - Pippa



“ Well done to all girls who took part, you represented the school with distinction - Ms Feenan ”

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Congratulations to Tia in Year 9 who went on to win silver at the ISA National Athletics Finals in shot put!



Sports Day

St Catherine's Sports Day took place on Wednesday, 3 July at St Mary's Univeristy Athletic Track. Pupils from Year 2 to Year 12 competed passionately for their Houses. The day was filled with excitement and friendly rivalry as the girls showcased their athletic talents across various events.

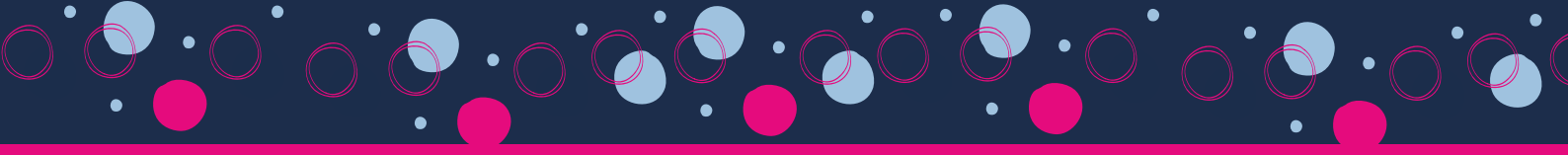
After a morning of intense competition, everyone returned to school for a delightful picnic lunch. The highlight of the afternoon was the cheerleading competition, where routines choreographed by the dedicated Year 10 girls (who had spent most lunchtimes this half term teaching the rest of the school) were performed with great enthusiasm and skill. Their hard work certainly paid off, adding a vibrant and energetic finale to a memorable day.

Congratulations to Bronte for winning the sports, and to Pankhurst for winning the cheerleading!



Sports Day





Housekeeping / Notices



Thank you

To all of the FOSC team for the work they do to help the school. The ReDress sales are so valuable to the parents, the hampers for St Catherine's Day were beautifully curated. Your hard work and support do not go unnoticed and the School is grateful for your service.

Have a wonderful and restful holiday.



You are warmly welcome to come and join the Senior Management Team for tea in the Dining Room. Dates and times will be confirmed.

Development Fundraising



While we wait for the final go ahead on the new Music and Art Building, we are happy to announce the acquisition of St James' Church Parish Hall.

A short walk from the School, the Hall contains a well maintained performance space, including a stage, which could be utilised for arts, music or other purposes.

Additional areas around the performance space which provide potential teaching, administrative and / or storage capacity.

We are grateful to accept donations towards the school's ongoing Development Fund which allows the school to grow with the needs of the school community.



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St Catherine's Twickenham is delighted to be performing (Dis)honest at the Edinburgh Fringe. The company comprises twelve girls, some returning for their second show, some brand new to the whole experience. They have poured their hearts and souls into producing this funny yet poignant piece exploring the concept of honesty, identity, and whether they even matter. We would like to wish all the best girls! There will be an opportunity to see this show next term.

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mary's
meals

a simple solution to world hunger

We are very proud to say that we have **reached our target** in fundraising for Mary's Meals, reaching a total of **£9,157.89**

Thank you to everyone for your support with this worthwhile cause. Mary's Meals serves nutritious school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest countries. Please see the QR code if you would like to add to these donations over the summer.



ST CATHERINE'S SCHOOL
TWICKENHAM

TERM DATES 2024-2025

Whilst every effort is made to ensure that dates remain unchanged, we reserve the right to make adjustments if circumstances require.

AUTUMN TERM 2024

Term Begins:

Wed 4 Sept 2024

Half Term:

Mon 21 Oct - Fri 1 Nov 2024

Return from Half Term:

Mon 4 Nov 2024

Term Ends:

Fri 13 Dec 2024
(staggered early finish times)

SPRING TERM 2025

Term Begins:

Wed 8 Jan 2025

Half Term:

Mon 17 Feb - Fri 21 Feb 2025

Return from Half Term:

Mon 24 Feb 2025

Term Ends:

Fri 4 Apr 2025
(staggered early finish times)

SUMMER TERM 2025

Term Begins:

Wed 23 Apr 2025

Half Term:

Mon 26 May - Fri 30 May 2025

Return from Half Term:

Mon 2 Jun 2025

St Catherine's Day:

Sat 28 Jun 2025

Term Ends:

Fri 4 Jul 2025
(staggered early finish times)

Well done to Mary, Year 6 who spotted the previous newsletter's mouse.

If you spot the mouse in this edition of the newsletter?
If you find the mouse, email rbishop@stcatherineschool.co.uk and say which page and article you noticed it on and you will be rewarded with a treat.



"Be who God wants you to be, and you will set the world on fire." – St Catherine of Siena