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A termly insight into Hugh Christie School

# The Place To Be



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### Friday 21st July Fnd of Term 6

### **Thursday 17th August** A-Level Results Day

### Thursday 24th August GCSE Results Day

#### Tuesday 5th September Start of Term for Year 7 & 6th Form

#### Wednesday 6th September Start of Term for all other Year Groups

## Year 7 Students were Newtastic at Notcutts!

A small group of Year 7 students visited Notcutts Garden Centre for a pond dipping experience. Students were able to learn about all the different aquatic organisms found in the pond. Students discussed the biodiversity of the pond and the life cycles of the various specimens we managed to catch!

The students managed to catch lots of wonderful things including Water Boatmen, Dragon flies and about 50 Newts!

Students were fantastically behaved throughout with lots of positive feedback from members of the public. Special mention to Quinn for sharing all his fishing knowledge with the rest of the group and to Phoebe who managed to catch an adult Newt! Well done Year 7!























## Healthcare Professionals of the Future!

Year 12 Health and Social Care students visited the Canterbury Christchurch University simulation suite, designed to train future Health and Social Care Professionals as well as having a tour of the campus. The Health Suite included specialist equipment designed to help the training of future doctors and nurses as well as occupational therapists and carers. The highlight for most of the group was meeting Viv, a £25,000 life like dummy who can be programmed to move and talk to help mimic a real patient in the care of a professional during an appointment. As well as Viv, we saw an apartment set up to help students appreciate how living independently could be a challenge faced by those with various vision or hearing impairments and a Nurses' hand washing station which uses UV light to show up fake germs on your hands to test your hand washing skills!







#### 6th Form Visit Parliament

Year 12 students studying Law, Criminology and Sociology visited The Royal Courts of Justice and the Houses of Parliament this term to learn more about the concept of democracy and law making. Students got to experience an extensive tour of Parliament and had the opportunity to watch both the Commons and Lords in action, with some managing to catch the former Prime Minister, Theresa May, making a statement on the Illegal Migration Bill. They then took part in an interactive workshop on Laws and Debating where the group immersed themselves in taking on the role of Parliament and chose to debate a new law on reestablishing capital punishment to learn more about the process of how laws are made.

#### **Duke of Edinburgh News**

The Hugh Christie DofE Bronze Award Practice and Qualifying expeditions on the South Downs and in Dorset have taken place over the last 3 weeks. Teams have been utterly fantastic throughout the programme: strong and fast with their walking and navigation skills and really good with their camp craft. It has been a joy to work with them; all seven teams have been positive and polite, resilient and proactive - a real credit to the school, their parents and to themselves. Thanks to Outspark instructors and the school DofE staff team led by Miss Jacobson. Well done to all teams!





#### **HUGH CHRISTIE SIXTH FORM**

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Visit <a href="https://www.hughchristie.kent.sch.uk/sixth-form">www.hughchristie.kent.sch.uk/sixth-form</a> to learn about our focused and friendly Sixth Form provision. Visit our virtual open event to learn about the variety of courses available and hear some of the experiences of our students past and present.

















#### **Skills Builder Day**

On Wednesday July 12th, Years 7, 9 and 10 took part in Skills Builder Day where they practiced their skills of collaboration, co-operation, creativity, problem solving, presenting and listening.

Year 7 got busy creating a whole new society, thinking about what would be needed in terms of services, support and essential buildings. Years 9 and 10 learnt all about the law and practiced developing their debating skills to win a case study.

These days are so important for developing the life skills our students will need and, as always, Hugh Christie students and staff rose to the occasion and proved their excellence. Well Done Everyone!





#### **Dino Golf Rewards Trip**

On Thursday 13th July, 278 Students took part in the Hugh Christie Rewards trip to Dino Golf. Students conducted themselves in an exemplarily way and had a wonderful time enjoying some crazy golf, breakfast/lunch at McDonalds. Pupils also had the opportunity to play a range of sports at Swanmead including cricket and football. The reward trip was a huge success and we hope to take even more students on the trip next year. It goes to show how many students we have who are consistently working hard in classes throughout the academic year, so well done to all the students that took part.





## Hugh Christie Science Fair Success!

On Wednesday 12th July, Hugh Christie School held their Fifth Annual Hugh Christie Science Fair. For this event, teams of Year 8 students were challenged to work together to produce a project on a scientific topic of their choice. Participating students exceeded all expectations with the variety of creative and interesting displays. A panel of School Governors alongside a panel of previous Science Fair Winners were given the difficult task of choosing first, second and third place medalists for participating Year 8 students.

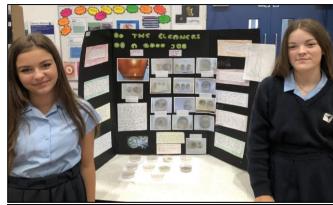
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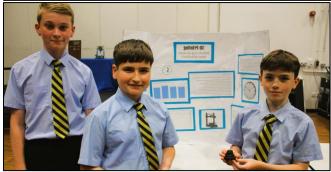
1st Place Winners: Madeleine Woodcraft and Scarlett Barr

2nd Place Winners: Martin Yanev, Mason Gillespie and Evan Okerika

3rd Place Winners: Bode Owen and Harry Hendricks

Popular Vote Winners: Chelsea Batchelor, Phoebe Stolton, Tamzin Hunt and Leah-May Lott

















## Sports Day 2023



On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July, students took part in our annual Sports Day consisting of track and field events. Well done to all students for taking part and earning as many points for their house. There was excellent effort and perseverance shown from all year groups.

#### Final results are:

1st Coe House - 359 points

2<sup>nd</sup> Angelou House - 328 points

3rd Attenborough House - 310 points



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#### **End of Term Farwell's**

As always at the end of term, we have a number of staff who are moving onto pastures new:

Jon Barker - Executive Principal

Kristie Darling - Geography

Allie Hawley - DOL for Drama

Lynda Wynn - The Lighthouse

We wish all these staff the best of luck with their new endeavors and for the future!