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# HUGH CHRISTIE NEWS



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## Forthcoming events:

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July  
at 1.30pm  
End of term 6

A level results day  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>  
August. Results  
collected from 9am.

GCSE results day  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>  
August. Results  
collected from  
10-30am.

Year 12 by  
appointment  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup>  
September

First day of term for  
all students  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>  
September

## Sports Day Hits Hugh Christie!

Sports Day 2016 at Hugh Christie was a huge success. All participating students gave 100% effort and did themselves and their teams proud.

The overall winner between Year 10 and Year 11 students was the Empower Academy.

Year 8 and 9 have had the chance to earn points for their houses in different competitions throughout the year, including Sports Day. House Ennis-Hill emerged victorious.

Students in Years 8 and 9 also had the opportunity to take part in the traditional Sports Day events as well as some alternative ones!

This included hurdles, obstacle courses, wellie throwing and a wet slide.

Students thoroughly enjoyed the day and are already looking forward to next year.

Special mentions for particularly strong performances go to Hayley Moyce, Keeley Colbran, Kai Marshall and Dominic Coy.



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*"an enthusiastic atmosphere for learning" - Ofsted 2014*

## Picnic Time in Food Technology

This term Year Eight students have been investigating what makes the perfect picnic food. They found out that ideally it has to be eaten cold and with your hands. There are wasps potentially to contend with so not too much sweet and sticky icing on your cakes works best! They also looked at how to transport the food safely and how to make sure the food is safe to eat.

Students had some great design ideas for their favourite foods and really enjoyed making something different and healthy



## Commemorating WW1

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of July, students from Year 8 experienced a fantastic weekend on the battlefields of Ypres. This is Hugh Christie's third annual visit. Students visited battlefields, war cemeteries, memorials, museums, the site of the Christmas Truce football match and laid a wreath at the Menin Gate Remembrance Service.

This visit is moving and truly inspirational. The Royal British Legion do outstanding work in engaging young people with the events of one hundred years ago.



## STUDENTS REWARDED FOR CLEAN CONDUCT CARDS

Nearly one hundred students were recently invited to Gillingham Ice Bowl for an ice skating trip as a reward for keeping their conduct cards clean for the entire academic year.

The trip recognised the many students who maintain outstanding standards all year by being well organised and punctual.

## Sporting Stars

Congratulations to Simone Cross who has been selected as a pre cadet for the England Judo Team. She took part in the Kent International Competition this month and won gold by beating other girls from across the world.

Well done also to Jacob Kelso who recently competed in the Scottish Boys' Under 16 Open Amateur Stroke Play Golf Championship. Jacob is currently representing the county of Kent. Good luck to Jacob!







### Former student news

It is this time of year that we receive lots of wonderful news about former students.

Congratulations include:

Tom Burton who has graduated from the University of Bath with a BA(Hons) in Sport and Social Sciences.

Emma Barnes who has graduated with a BSc (Hons) in Mathematics

Liam Bacon who has graduated with a BA (Hons) in Architecture

## The place to be.....

### Beach Volleyball – despite the weather!

This month saw some of our incredible Year 9 girls and Year 11 boys travel to Margate for their first ever beach volleyball competition.

It was an awesome day, with some exceptional volleyball on display from Hugh Christie. Each team worked incredibly hard, worked together and remained in constant good spirits. Our Year 9 girls' team finished third overall and one of the Year 11 boys' teams also finished third.



### Sixth Form Prom

Students in Year 11 and Sixth Form celebrated the end of a very busy year with two Prom events recently. A fantastic time was had by staff and students alike.

Students and staff have worked really hard over the past year and we wish them well for their examination results that are released in August. Staff are available on both GCSE and A level results days to offer advice and support to any students about their next steps. In the meantime, we hope all students who took exams enjoy a well-deserved rest.



### Future Careers Exchanges

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July, Hugh Christie hosted its third annual Futures Event, which is best described as speed-dating for careers.

Students have a few minutes to ask quick-fire questions to as many career representatives as possible.

Over seventy different professions were present. We would like to thank all the employers for giving so generously of their time to support this unique event.



The end of the academic year always means we have to say "farewell" to valued members of staff.

Leaving us at the end of this year are Elle Money (Business teacher), Jan Markwick (Design and Technology technician) and Carolyn Jakes (Learning Support).

Retiring at the end of this year is Jenny Rutherford, who has held a number of important roles at the school including PA to the Principal and Clerk to the Governors.

We wish all our colleagues best wishes and happiness as they move to pastures new.



### Inspiring Art

Following the Summer Art and Photography exhibition at Hugh Christie, students from Cage Green Primary School and Woodlands Junior School created some outstanding artwork as a response to what they had seen.

If you are walking along Tonbridge High Street, take a look at the fantastic art work being displayed at Christ Church. The display was produced by the 'Young Artisans', a club at Hugh Christie for students talented in Art.

The work has been produced for the Tonbridge Arts Festival with the theme of 'the Roald Dahl centenary'. The Hugh Christie display is based on James and the Giant Peach.



### Maths Challenge

Congratulations to Year 7 students Sky Weston, Jay Wakefield, Joseph Barker and Amy Rowe who beat Hayesbrook, Hillview, Weald Grammar and Skinners Kent Academy in a local Maths challenge recently.

The students finished just eleven points behind the winners Tunbridge Wells Boys' Grammar School.



### A Message from Jon Barker

As this academic year draws to a close, I would like to pay tribute to the amazing staff who work tirelessly to help, support and educate the children and young people who attend Hugh Christie.

As both the Executive Principal and Hugh Christie parent, I would like to thank them for everything they do to provide such an amazing range of opportunities for our children.

I would also like to thank parents for all the support they give to the school. I wish all students a wonderful summer holiday and look forward to seeing them again on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

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