



Imran Vahora, Assistant Principal

Dear Parent / Carer

5 MINUTE INTERVIEW WITH OUR NEW ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, MR VAHORA

Where are you from?

You can probably tell from my accent that I'm from the North. I am originally from Preston in Lancashire. I then moved to Manchester to study Mathematical Physics and from there I went onto Oxford University where I trained to be a teacher.

What subject do you teach at CCC?

I teach Maths, Science and IT

Where else have you worked?

I started my teaching career in Oxford and then moved to a private school in Wimbledon for two years. I then moved to a Catholic school in Camden and from there I went onto Harrow and from there I came to Chalfont's!

What do you do in your spare time?

I always try to make time away from work to spend with my family and I also enjoy watching films

What do you like about CCC?

I like the staff at CCC. They are very friendly and have offered me a warm welcome. I like the idea of Student Leaders and how that empowers young people to take on 'grown-up' roles and responsibilities which will prepare them for the future.

What other things are you responsible for at CCC?

I am responsible for ensuring we give equal opportunities to all students. I am particularly interested in the achievement gap between groups of students at GCSE. It is my job to support all students to do well in their exams and prepare them for life after Chalfont's.

So what kinds of things will you do?

I have been looking at how other schools help students and I want to employ some of those strategies at Chalfont's to accelerate student progress further. I want *all* students at Chalfont's to have a chance to go on exciting trips to theatres, universities around the country and take part in enrichment activities outside school. I have been busy speaking with the staff at Chalfont's on how best we can support all students using the funding we get – they've put forward some brilliant suggestions including:

- *Visiting Premier League football clubs to promote learning languages*
- *Providing students with laptops that they can use at home*
- *Enrolling academically able students onto 'The Brilliant Club' where students work with PhD students who help them learn things beyond the school curriculum*
- *Running enrichment days where students solve puzzles to help promote thinking skills*
- *Working with and developing all staff including support staff to ensure that we are delivering the very best teaching in every classroom across the College*
- *Homework and catch-up clubs before, during and after-school where students have access to computers and equipment they may not have at home*

How can you get more funding?

The College is asking all parents and carers of children in Years 7 – 11 to tell the college if they qualify for FSM. Parents and carers can quickly check to see if they are eligible by viewing this website: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>. If your application for FSM is successful the College will receive extra funding to support your child to do their very best at school.

What else have you brought to CCC?

I have started a blog dedicated to all the students and parents at the College to help them get the most out of their Mathematics education at Chalfont's (www.mrvahora.wordpress.com)

What football team do you support?

I don't follow the league but enjoy watching the World Cup

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LEADERS OF TRACKING AND PROGRESS - LOTP

Nominations for Year 7 Head Boy, Head Girl and Prefects may now be submitted. The closing date is the Monday after half term. Each student who wishes to be considered should submit a formal application in writing to Nadine de Souza, Leader of Tracking and Progress Year 7.

The letter should outline how the student is suitable for such a responsible position: the contributions they have made to previous schools or clubs, positions of responsibility held and how they feel they can make a positive impact in a leadership role within our school to inspire and motivate their peers.

I look forward to reading the applications and wish the Year 7 students every success this term in their studies.

Nadine DeSouza
Leader of Tracking and Progress for Year 7

I would like to congratulate Year 8 on their attitude to learning. They are working really hard with significantly high numbers of super learner points being achieved. We have our Options Information evening this Thursday 15th October, which I encourage all Y8 parents/carers to attend. The evening is an opportunity for learners and parents to find out more about the GCSE courses available and how students can select subjects. Students will also have an Options Assembly and Options Fayre on 26th November 2015. Well done Year 8 and keep up the hard work!

Liam Bampton
Leader of Tracking and Progress for Year 8

I would like to use this edition of The Chronicle to talk about the importance of attendance. Our attendance target is 96%. This means that students who have 1 day off every 4 weeks would drop below this target. Attendance is vital in securing good GCSEs. Research has shown that there is a positive correlation between high attendance and good grades. Therefore I would like you to try and work with you to ensure your son/daughter is in school every day.

Jamie Howard
Leader of Tracking and Progress for Year 9

The year 10s have come back refreshed and ready for their GCSEs. We have started the school year in a very positive way and have had many students who are already achieving a vast number of super learner achievement points.

The Curriculum Leaders have had a busy start and have already been on a trip to Hillingdon Outdoors Activity Centre on a team building exercise. It was an excellent opportunity to get to know one another better and build great team ethos. They have also been extremely busy in helping the college out on the open evening and showing future parents around the school. They did a fantastic job and were a credit to themselves, the year group and the college. Well done!

We now have a couple of weeks until half term to make sure that we get to grips with all of our new GCSEs and that we are focussed and ready to learn in all of the lessons. A great start: well done to all.

Stewart Charge
Leader of Tracking and Progress for Year 10

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EMPLOYABILITY

Introducing Employability across The Chalfonts

Every child within the College has received an introduction to Employability, via a booklet, and an Assembly. Each year group had a slightly different booklet and the content includes subjects such as considering goals and aspirations, identifying skills and values and - for the older students - an exercise to consider who they might have in their networks and how they should start preparing to create a CV.

On Wednesday, 21st October, the whole of year 11 will be off timetable and will experience an **Employability Skills Day**. This will involve:

- Attending a variety of workshops, including what is it like to attend University, how might it feel to be an apprentice, how you might go about setting up a new business and many others
- All students will be interviewed for 10 minutes and will have feedback on their interviews
- There will be a Careers Fair set up in the Hall with a number of organisations represented. This is a great chance for the students to find out about different companies, show some interest and start building some very valuable networks!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

14/10/15 & 15/10/15 – College Photos
15/10/15 – Y8 Options Information Evening
21/10/15 – Y11 Employability Day
22/10/15 – Y10 Parent information evening
22/10/15 – Students break up
23/10/15 – Staff Training Day

2/11/15 – Return to College

School Fund Contributions

Parents can now make an online donation via ParentPay (www.parentpay.com). Contributions to the School Fund will support the College in further developing our larger projects that we receive limited external funding for. The School Fund projects impact on every student in the College, ensuring they have the very best facilities and resources to enrich their learning experiences. It is for these reasons that we ask you to support the scheme and any amount would be gratefully received. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity. Together we can make a difference!

GERRARDS CROSS AND FULMER FOOTBALL CLUB

A local community based football club, excellent facilities at King George Field, Fulmer Common Road, Fulmer, Bucks

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

WE ESPECIALLY NEED NEW MEMBERS FOR OUR U14 TEAM.

U14's train on Wednesday night from 6-7pm and play matches on Sundays

EMAIL Amanda@thegambles.co.uk or phone 07881 828836

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REMOTE CONTROL CLUB – YEAR 7'S

Eight Year 7 students: Herman, Andrew, Kasper, Aryan, Luke, Ethan, Ruben and Azariah are proposing that the school hosts a remote control car club. This will take place every Friday lunchtime, exclusively for year 7.

The proposal will involve organisation and communication skills for everything from; how it will work, what they need to set this club up and even how they will raise the money to purchase the cars. The purpose of the club is for the year 7 students to have some fun with friends at lunchtime and bring like-minded children together. This gives students the chance to play with cars they might not otherwise be able to afford and by organising this activity it gives the children an opportunity to develop employability skills: organisation, creativity, presentation, research and negotiation/communication skills. They plan to put their proposal to their Year Leader and the Senior Leadership Team next week.

They have only been organising this club for one week now but have already met up twice and responsibly assigned each other roles to develop their ideas and make them a reality. They have taken into consideration the cost of the remote control cars, and therefore have thought about running a car wash at school on Saturday along with a cake sale in order to raise funds for the club. They have already got around 20 year 7's willing to attend this club, but I am sure it will attract many more once it is up and running.

They plan to introduce a 'Top Gear' leader board with fastest times recorded for races. Top scorers will be awarded a 'Golden Ticket' for lunch or possibly other prizes at the end of term. Curriculum Leaders and Year 7 Prefects will help to run the club on Friday lunchtimes.

Interview and report by Ethan St Catherine, Year 10 Curriculum Leader



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STUDENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME INTERVIEW – MISS BROWN

Earlier this week I had the opportunity to speak with Kate Brown, who runs the student leadership programme within the college. We spoke about the recent Year 6 Open Evening, and morning, for potential students and their parents. Prefects and Student Leaders from all years helped out with this event. The students who chose to help out that night did an incredible job of taking the parents and children on tours around the college and helping out within the various subject areas. A huge thank you to all those who helped to make those events a success! Also this week, Mrs. Charge has set up a brand new task force for the student leaders – Health and Wellbeing. Aimed at helping to improve students' healthy lifestyles, the new task force will hopefully be fully launched by the end of this week. The head boys and head girls from each year recently attended a student voice meeting in Aylesbury, discussing topics such as personal identities among teenagers and young adults in this day and age. On a final note, the assemblies that have been led by student leaders across the college have been very successful, with all students responding positively to seeing their peers deliver important messages over the past month.

Lewis Elderfield
11G4

MACMILLIAN COFFEE MORNING

Chalfont Community College took part in the biggest coffee morning in the world. Members of staff brought in homemade cakes, biscuits. The school made some lovely sausage rolls, brownies, cakes and cookies. Everyone donated money and tucked in at break time. Jo Hall our Catering Technician/Cover Supervisor wanted to say "Thank you to everyone and a big thank you to all staff who very kindly made and donated lovely homemade cakes - we raised **£164.31** for Macmillan!"

Thanks

Jo Hall



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WORLD CHALLENGE IN CENTRAL AMERICA

In July 2015, nineteen students departed Heathrow on a trip of a lifetime bound for Granada in Nicaragua. The challenge for the students started right at the beginning with a 2.5 hour delay. They then arrived in Nicaragua sixteen hours later with no luggage. The entire team spent the next 24 hours in the same clothes in high humidity and with the desire to shower.

Jumping and screaming with happiness at the return of their luggage and the thought of having a shower followed by putting on clean clothes, the team set off to hike across two volcanos on Ometepe Island. Then it was straight back to the mainland to embark on the voluntary project.

In a community where running water is in short supply as it is collected from rain water and where the toilets are long drops, the students fully appreciated the severity of poverty around the world. The project was to build a safe path for students to walk on during the rainy season which would ensure they attended school all year round. Working in temperatures of around 32°C with high humidity it definitely pushed the challengers to maximum capacity, but this did not stop them. They got stuck in and completed the project with pride and satisfaction.

Following this, the group travelled to Monteverde Cloud forest in Costa Rica where they zip lined the longest wire in Latin America at 1.5km in length. They also tried some white water rafting. A few days relaxing and then it was time to come home.

Watch this space for World Challenge 2017!

C Fenner and A Loveridge



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Careers Events - Local College Open Days

Raising Participation Event – Options Post 16 – Tuesday 3 November 2015 17:30 – 20:00.

Venue: The Main Hall, Chalfonts Community College

Students and parents will be given a presentation on options post 16. The presentation will take place at 18:00 and repeated at 19:00. Local college providers will be present to deliver information on the courses they offer, entry requirements etc.

Skills London 2015 – Saturday 14 November 9:30 – 16:00

Skills London is London's biggest jobs and careers event. You can discover new careers, skills and jobs that will hopefully inspire and motivate you whatever your ability or ambitions. The venue is: West Entrance, Excel London, One Western Gateway, Royal Victoria Dock, London E16. For more information visit: www.skillslondon2015.co.uk

Pilot Careers Live is Europe's largest independent flight training exhibition for anyone interested in a career as an airline pilot. This event will take place on Saturday 7 November 2015 10:00 to 16:30 at London Heathrow Sofitel – T5. For full details and discounted student tickets visit: www.pilotcareernews.com/live

If you are interested in a career in **Engineering** visit www.theengineeringtrust.org. The Engineering Trust is holding three events introducing students to the exciting range of careers within Engineering.

Local College Open Days / Taster Days

Berkshire College of Agriculture (BCA) is offering a variety of 'taster days'. Applications must be received by Wednesday 4 November. For more information please visit: www.bca.ac.uk or collect a leaflet from the LRC.

There is a list of local college open days on the VLE under Yr11 Tutor Notices and under 'Careers/Connexions' on the VLE.

For information on local colleges please visit:

www.eastberks.ac.uk - Langley & Windsor College
www.amersham.ac.uk - Amersham & Wycombe College
www.henleycol.ac.uk - Henley College
www.uxbridge.ac.uk - Uxbridge College
www.aylesbury.ac.uk - Aylesbury College

Please take a few moments to look at the 'Careers/Connexions' area on the VLE, there are some very useful websites which will hopefully answer questions and help students make well-informed decisions about their future.

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LATEST NEWS FROM THE PE DEPARTMENT

Monday 12th October

Year 11 Football vs Beaconsfield (AWAY) pick up approx. 6pm FCT/DCY
Year 9 County Cup Football vs The Grange (AWAY) pick up approx. 6pm

Wednesday 14th October

Year 11A and B Netball vs Chesham Grammar (HOME) pick up approx. 5:15
Year 9B and 10B Netball vs Dr Challoners (AWAY) pick up approx. 5:30 FNR/NBL
Year 10/11 Rugby vs Thorpe House (HOME) pick up approx. 5:45 FCT
U18 Football vs Aylesbury Grammar (AWAY) DCY pick up approx. 4pm

Thursday 15th October

Year 9 Football vs Beaconsfield (AWAY) HWD pick up approx. 5:30
Year 10 Football vs Beaconsfield (HOME) CHA pick up approx. 5:30

Monday 19th October

Year 10A and B Netball vs Misbourne (AWAY) FNR pick up approx. 5:30
Year 11A and B Netball vs The Beaconsfield (AWAY) CHG pick up approx. 5:30
Year 9 Football vs Misbourne (HOME) HWD pick up approx. 5:30
Year 10 Football vs Misbourne (AWAY) CHA pick up approx. 5:30

Wednesday 21st October

Year 9B and 11A Netball vs Misbourne (AWAY)CHG/NBL pick up approx. 5:30
Year 9A and 10A Netball vs Holmer Green (HOME) NBL/FNR pick up approx. 5:15
Year 10/11 Rugby vs Chesham Grammar (AWAY) FCT pick up approx. 6:15

Thursday 22nd October

Senior Netball vs Chesham Grammar (AWAY) FNR pick up approx. 5:30
Year 8 football vs Chesham Grammar (HOME) PNH pick up approx. 5:15



Year 8 Football Team

The year 8 football team have started really well defending the County Cup that we won last year by defeating John Colet School 4 -1. In the League we have played 2 games, the first against Dr Challoners that we won 3-0 and the second against Chiltern Hill with another 4-0 victory. Next game will be at home against Chesham.

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Extra-Curricular Timetable Sept-Oct 2015

	Lunch	LC	Field	Muga	Hall	Pool	After School	LC	Field	Muga	Courts
Mon	Gym Yr 10 Basketball CHA	Yr 8 Netball CHG		Yr 9 Football HWD	All Years Dance NBL	All Years Rec & Squad Swimming FNR	Gym All Years Gymnastics KTC 3:40-5pm		Yr 7/8/9 Rugby FCT/PNH/EDW	All Years Girls Football NBL	Yr 10/11/6 th Netball CHG/FNR
Tues	Yr 11/6 th Basketball DCY/PNH	Yr 7 Netball KTC		Yr 11 Football FRD/FCT	Yr 7 Dodgeball HWD/EDW				Yr 7/8 Football DCY/EDW/ PNH All Years Girls Tag Rugby CLM	Yr 9 Football HWD	Yr 9 Netball NBL
Wed	Yr 7 Basketball FCT	Yr 10 Netball FNR		Yr 8 Football PNH	Yr 8-11 Dodgeball CHA/EDW		All Years Cheerleading WST 4:15-5:15pm				Yr 7/8 Netball KTC/CHG
Thu	Yr 8 Basketball PNH	All Years Badminton CHA		Yr 7 Football DCY/EDW			Girls Basketball 3:40-5pm CHG/KTC				
Fri	Yr 9 Basketball HWD	Yr 9 Netball NBL		Yr 10 Football CHA All Years Hockey FNR							

Lunchtime clubs run from 13:20 to 14:00 / KS3 after school clubs run from 14:50 to 16:15 unless otherwise shown / KS4 after school clubs run from 15:40 to 17:00

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Other PE News

Cross Country

Well done to all those who competed in the recent National Cup Qualifier for Cross Country. There were some terrific individual performances, most notably from Thomas Job and Max McGarvie (both from Yr 8) who finished 2nd and 6th respectively in their junior race. The Junior Boys were also the best placed team in the final standings, as they finished 3rd overall. We'll have to wait and see if they've done enough to qualify for the next phase of the competition.

Order of photos names from L-R;

- Junior Girls Team (Molly Payne / Sophie Webb / Lucia Gonzalez-Bohr / Megan Duberley / Sadie Lucas)
- Intermediate Girls Team (Emilie Ratcliff / Dolcie Grove / Holly Symons / Lilly Majewski)
- Intermediate Boys Team (Ben Grayson / Owen Warwick / Talvin Khaira / Tom Sugre / Oli Jackson / Josh Simpson)
- Junior Boys Team (Jahmal Mason / George Fowkes / Thomas Job / Max McGarvie / Oscar Lucey / Jack Eden)



Year 7 Football

The year 7 football team have started really well, winning both of their opening games. In the league, Sean McGuinness scored a terrific hat-trick as Chesham Grammar were beaten 6-1, while Oscar Lucey and Nathan Marshall excelled as Sir William Ramsay were beaten 4-1 in the County Cup. The team will now face Dr Challoners in the next round!

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British Schools Biathlon

Sammy, Luke and Adam competed in the British Schools Biathlon. They took part in this event at the K2 sport centre in Crawley and did themselves and the school proud.

The first event was the under 17s 1600m run. Adan Day won the event in 4min 53 seconds. Luke came 3rd in 5 mins 31 seconds.

In the next heat Sammy came 6th in the under 16 girl's event. The time was 6mins 11 sec

Next, Luke and Adam competed in the 200m freestyle swim. Luke (being an accomplished swimmer with Chalfont Otters) came 2nd in his age group in 2min 18 secs. Adam finished in 3min 12sec.

Once again Sammy followed in the next heat and had the race of her life, stroke for stroke with the girl in the next lane, being just touched out into 2nd place in 2mins 10 sec, a new personal best by over 1.5 seconds!

These times were then converted into points in a similar way to the Heptathlon and the combined results were as follows:

Under 17 boys

Luke Maloney - 2nd place with 2,134 points (1st place was 2,426)

Adam Day - 4th place with 1,788 points

Under 16 girls

Samantha Farnfield - 2nd place with 2,209 points (1st place 2,212)

Only the winners in each age group get a guaranteed place in the national finals at Crystal Palace next March; the remainder of the places being awarded to leading point scorers national wide.

So for both Luke and Sammy we must sit and wait. That being said, with Sam only 3 points off the win, she must be well placed.



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The Chalfont Community College's Top Tips on e-safety



After your e-safety training these are **YOUR** top tips to keep us all safe when using the internet:

Don't add people that you don't know on social networking sites. You wouldn't talk to a stranger in the street, so why talk to them online?

Don't upload photographs of yourself that are inappropriate or give information away about yourself. You don't know how these images will be used by others!

Don't give away your personal details on the internet. You don't know who can access this information!

If you feel unsafe online, tell a parent, carer or teacher, or open the hyperlink below for more information.



Child Exploitation & Online Protection (National Crime Agency)

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PARENTPAY

We are asking all parents/guardians to now use ParentPay, which is an online payment method, to pay for trips, visits and other one-off school related events. We will not be accepting cheques or cash for payment of such items for the remainder of this autumn term, or indeed the whole Academic year.

We will be asking for your consent on ParentPay, and you will be prompted to provide an emergency contact number and any relevant medical information before paying for a trip. This will allow us to carefully monitor payments and reduce administrative time in collating all the necessary information before a trip can take place.

'Drop in' Coffee Sessions

Please feel free to attend any of our 'drop in' coffee sessions for parents to meet with a member of the Senior Leadership Team to discuss any topics. These will run for an hour, as per the calendar below. No appointment required.

Session	Time	Session	Time
Tuesday 13 th October	9.30 – 10.30	Wednesday 25 th November	17.30 – 18.30
Wednesday 4 th November	9.30 – 10.30	Thursday 10 th December	9.30 – 10.30

More dates to follow.....

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