

THE CHALFONTS COMMUNITY **Chronicle**

"Success is an Attitude..."

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Laura Harvey
Acting Assistant
Principal

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been a very busy start to the second Spring Half Term, and there is a buzz of excitement in the air as Year 8, 11 and 13 students begin to consider the future. Year 8 students will begin the process of choosing their options; Year 11 students are considering their next steps after the exams in May and currently over 100 UCAS applications have been sent out to universities, which will determine the coming years of the majority of our Year 13 students.

A massive thank you goes to Martyn Way, Kate Darvill and all staff members who contributed towards the UCAS application process. These are undoubtedly the most important decisions of these students' lives so far.

As in previous years, staff members are dedicated to offering support to the Year 11 and Year 8 students when making their options. The Year 11 students have already completed the Taster Day sessions designed to help them choose their A level options. Current subjects showcased their A level content and new subjects were trialled by students, allowing their decisions to be more informed. Alongside this, the Year 11 students have also begun to attend a progression interview where they are able to speak to a member of senior staff in a more open manner about what they intend to do in the following years. It makes me incredible proud to listen to each student describing their intentions, passions and hopes in such an adult fashion. The students have been asked to dress smartly for this session.

The Year 8 students will also be given the opportunity to have similar open discussions regarding their GCSE options at the Options Evening on Thursday 15th March. They have been given a GCSE prospectus describing each of the option subjects in detail, the content they cover and the type of examination that will be completed. This follows on from the Options Day that they had in January.

This is a time of year I personally love in the college, as our students positively struggle to decide which subjects will be best suited for them. It is our ambition to support all students in their education and career choices. Thank you also for all your support and dedication.

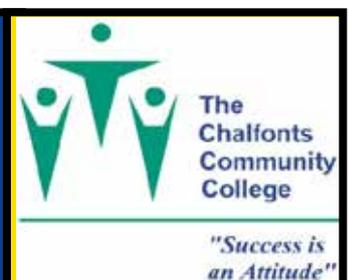


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Safer Internet Day is celebrated around the country in schools during the month of February. This year Safer Internet Day was celebrated on Tuesday 6th February 2018. To raise awareness of this, we had a week of assemblies and tutor time activities to ensure that clear messages were given to our students about keeping themselves safe online.

The main message delivered to KS3 students was related to social media – do you really know who you're talking to when you message 'friends' through social media and online gaming? For KS4 students the key message was around sexting and the law. This links into the PSHCE curriculum that is currently being delivered across the school during tutor times.

At our school, many of the safeguarding incidents that we deal with relate to social media issues that happen outside of school. Whilst in many cases parents do enlist the support from the police, we, as a school pick up many of the key issues at school as it impacts on our students' relationships with their peers and staff. It also greatly affects their emotional wellbeing.

In order to try to develop a better understanding of social media we have enlisted the support of Graham Briggshaw, the CEOP specialist for Bucks County Council, to deliver some training and Internet Safety advice for our parents on **Wednesday 28th February 2018 at 6pm**. A letter has been sent via e-mail to all our parents inviting them to attend. We hope that by doing this we can gain a clearer insight of the risks around social media and how to ensure that our children/young people are staying safe whilst using the internet. We are looking forward to seeing as many parents as possible at this event.

Here are a few top tips for parents to help keep children and young people safe online:

Prioritise safety: Teach children not to give out personal information, such as their name, address, telephone number or which school they go to.

Set parental controls: Agree a list of websites your child is allowed to visit, and remember to check the minimum age limit on services like Facebook and YouTube.

Discuss their activity: Take an interest in their online world. Talk to them about their favourite websites, videos and their online friends.

Set boundaries: Establish time limits for activities such as using the internet and games consoles. Make sure to set aside time for "unplugged" family activity.

Be open: Let them know that they can tell you about anything that happens on the internet and that you'll listen without judgement.

Advice Websites:

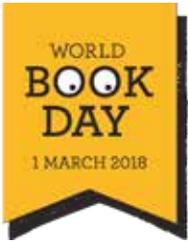
Think You Know - <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

Young Minds – <https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/looking-after-yourself/online-pressures>

CEOP – www.ceop.police.uk

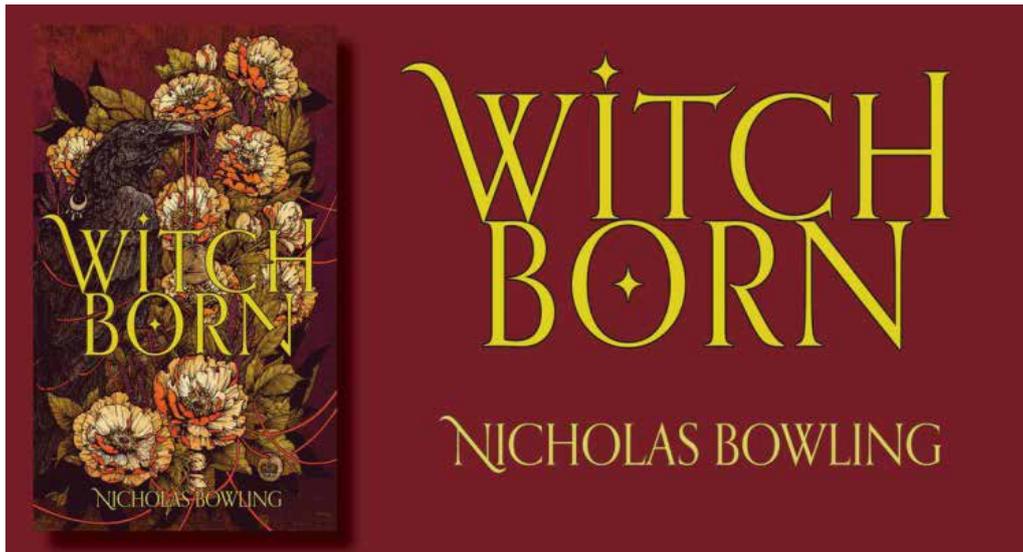
NSPCC - www.nspcc.org.uk/ShareAware





In celebration of World Book Day Yr7 students will meet the debut author Nicholas Bowling. Nicholas will visit our school on Tuesday 6th March and introduce his book Witchborn. "WITCHBORN is a dark, twisty and thrillingly original Elizabethan fantasy, exploring true history through a magical lens."

Nicholas will inspire us all with our reading and writing by sharing information about his exciting new book as well as giving us tips and ideas on how to be amazing authors too. There will be a book signing session at the end of Nicholas' visit. A letter and order form will be sent home to Year 7 Parents/Carers giving you the opportunity to pre-order your book and have it ready on the day.



Rocket Cars

James Giles has been leading the STEM team in an engineering challenge to develop rocket cars. Year 7 students have been given 'blocks' to carve down to the shape of a car and they are now invited back on Monday lunchtimes, Room 13, to enhance their cars by adding wheels and the rocket engines. On Friday 9th March the RAF/Army will be onsite to ignite the cars which will be raced across the tennis courts.



CROSS COUNTRY

On Wednesday 7th February we took a squad of athletes to the annual Bucks Cross Country Championships at Cottesloe School, Aylesbury. The best team performance came from the Junior Boys who finished in 8th place overall! Within each team there were also some outstanding individual performances, most notably from Max McGarvie (Year 10) who finished 2nd in his race, Oliver Jackson (Year 13) who was placed 3rd and Michael Day (Year 13) who finished in 10th place! When you consider that these races included around 100 runners from all over the County, these performances are something to be commended.

As a result of Max and Oliver's performances individual performance, they'll be asked to compete in the English Schools Cross Country Championships. Congratulations and good luck to them!

Results Summary

Minor Boys (Year 7) – 14th place finish: Harrison Green 51st / Joshua Hance 77th / Saran Somrah 78th / Callum Graham 81st / Jake Hill 85th / Owen Smith 86th / Harry Orland 87th

Minor Girls (Year 7) – 8th place finish: Sophie Ratcliff 18th / Cerys Skryme-Davies 50th / Melissa Anderson 54th / Natasha Sleep 56th / Poppy Collyer 88th / Eva Watson 93rd / Jessica Polton 95th

Junior Boys (Years 8/9)- 11th place finish: Harry Vintner 35th / Oli Rose 39th / Jake Carkett 100th / Achill Sweeney 107th / Brandon Redding DNF

Junior Girls (Years 8/9) – 12th place finish: Lily Holder 41st / Emma McCullagh 87th / Ruby Wilcox 114th / Emilia Kormarwicz 115th

Inter Boys (Years 10/11): Max McGarvie 2nd

Inter Girls (Years 10/11): Daisy Adams 48th / Macie Smith, Loveday Grant and Bethany Bowers DNF

Senior Boys (Years 12/13): Oliver Jackson 3rd / Michael Day 10th

Well done and thanks to all those who competed!

Howard D'Arcy, Leader of PE



Oil painting by Amy Greenwood Year 12 Fine Art student

Amy has produced a stunning oil painted portrait of her Grandfather for her A-Level Fine Art coursework. The painting is a metre in size.

The work is in response to the project theme of 'Identity.' Amy has painted from her own photographs of her Grandfather with his mining career illustrated by the industrial machinery within the shape of the face.

I'm sure you will agree that Amy should be very proud of herself as the portrait is stunning.

Well Done Amy!

Mrs Blick, Leader for Art and Photography



Thanks



The Hill family would like to thank the students, staff and parents of The Chalfonts Community College for all the support they have provided for their son Archie who is battling with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

Archie's health is deteriorating more rapidly than anticipated but he still lives in hope and in the belief that one day there will be something for him. His mother is a keen runner and will be entering the Paris Marathon in aid of Action4Archie & other boys with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy to raise much needed funds for care and hopefully, finding a cure.

If you are able to spare a few pounds or could share this with your friends the family would be most grateful.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/action4archieparismarathon18>



Year 11 & 12 Students

A Citizencard is a proof of age card which entitles you to discounts. For more information visit:

<https://www.citizencard.com/>

If you wish to apply for a Citizencard, to avoid being charged, please collect a form from the LRC. Completed forms must be sent via school. Please return to Andrea Gilbey (LRC).

If you are aged 16 or 17 and live in Buckinghamshire, you can get discounted bus travel with the CitizenCard. The scheme is available on most bus services operated by Arriva, Carousel and routes contracted by Transport for Buckinghamshire.

The offer starts after 9am weekdays and all day at weekends. The bus journey must operate wholly within Buckinghamshire (the exception is service X60 Aylesbury - Buckingham - Milton Keynes), where the whole route is included). Journeys within the Arriva Aylesbury and Wycombe Plus zones and Carousel Buses zones A and B will be £1.20. Single journeys operating outside of these zones or crossing the zones border will be £1.50.

Tips for Medication Safety



Personal Medication

It has come to my notice that several students are carrying around blister packs of totally unidentifiable pain relief/cold/flu remedies. Parents, please stop your children from doing this.

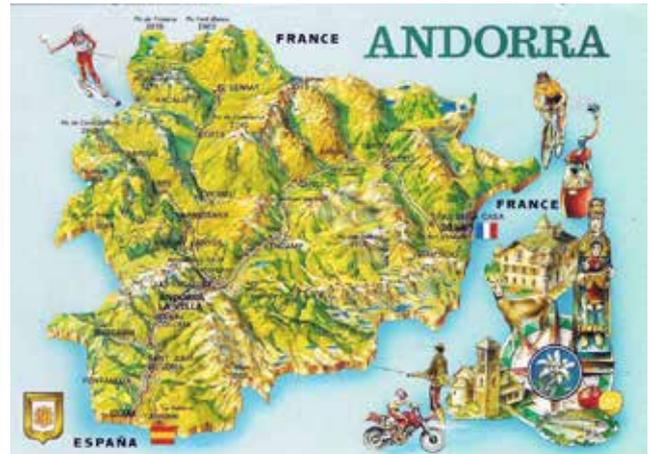
Quote from website:

Students are not permitted to carry their own medication, except Adrenaline Auto-Injectors; insulin or inhalers. This is a safeguarding issue to protect students from taking an incorrect dose or from giving it to other students.

If students need pain relief, cold remedies etc. please either send in the packet, with the information leaflet, to be stored in the Medical room. Or you may also give them before school and I will administer paracetamol with parental consent at lunch-time.

Thank you

Gayle Romney, Medical Administrator, Direct line: 01753 881627, gayleromney@chalfonts.org



At the crack of dawn 46 Year 10 to 12 students and 6 staff arrived at Heathrow Airport with oversize suitcases and smiling faces. As parents waved them good bye, the first of many challenges awaited us. Firstly, at check-in, where some of us were over the 23kg limit. There was a lot of transferring of clothes amongst a frenzy of laughter and yes, Mr Howard did have the heaviest bag!



Nigel our ski representative greeted us in Barcelona and our next challenge was how to get the oversized suitcases into the coach. With a push and squeeze and all luggage on board, the 3 hour journey to Andorra started. At our destination excited students and staff descended into the 3 star hotel, collecting boots and skis along the way and we then had our first meal together.



After a goods night's rest we woke up to the most beautiful picturesque scenery, all eager to begin this great experience. We arrived at the ski school where the ski instructors introduced themselves and the first lesson started. Next challenge; how to stay upright without constantly falling down! The whole week was full of memories, laughter and smiles from all students and staff. Great stories of heroes. 'Who saved Mrs Byrne from falling off the chair lift?' 'Why did we all have problems with chair lifts?' 'Did Mr Howard fall?'



At the end of the week the Ski instructors awarded certificates to students with a comment to staff of: 'You should be very proud of your students they are a credit to your school'. A big thank-you to Mr Howard and Miss Keitch for arranging the trip. Thanks to Miss Noble for saving Mrs Byrne's life, thanks to Mr Quesnell for his singing and Mr Boswell for sharing his sports knowledge. But the biggest thank you goes to our amazing students, who achieved so many life skills.

FUN FUN FUN
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For Everyone

Coffee Morning



**Meet the Principal and other members
of the Senior Leadership team**

No Appointment necessary, 9.30 – 11.00

Wednesday 28th February

Wednesday 14th March

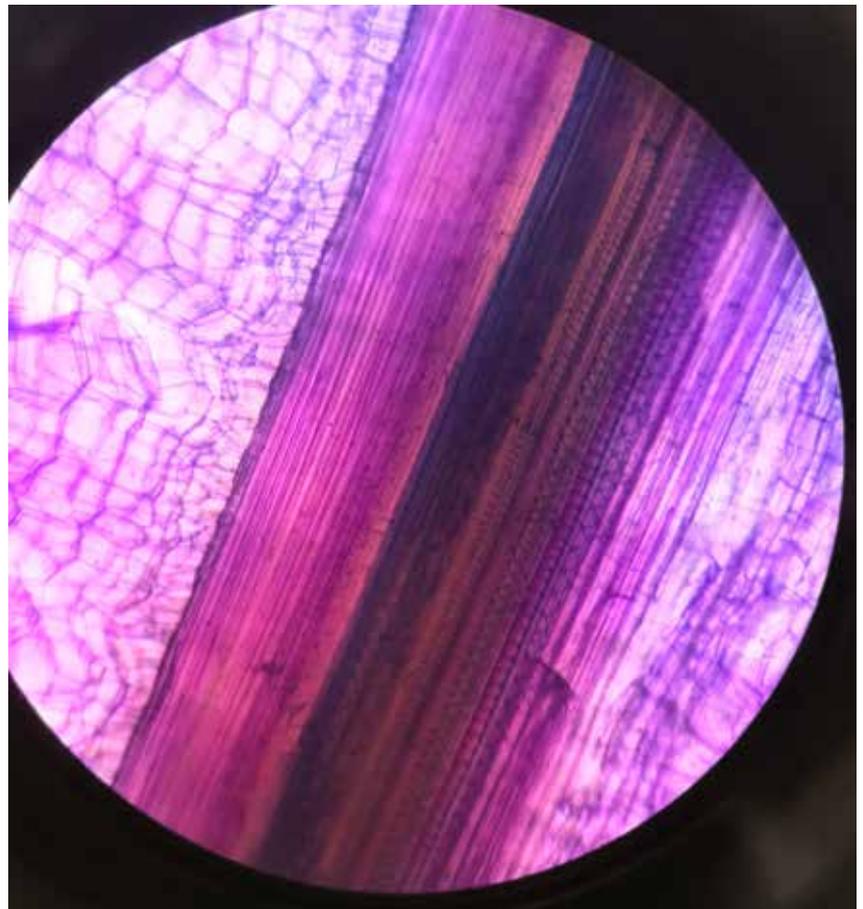


Celery Xylem vessels (x400)

Here is a picture of a celery xylem vessel which is the tubes that carry water and minerals from the root to the rest of the plant.

The slide was made and this photograph taken by Marcus Piguillem Year 9 in a Triple Biology lesson.

This practical is a modified A-level practical that was offered as an extension practical to improve the microscopy skills of the Triple Biology group.



Thinking of Moving?

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If you already have an agreement with another agent on a sole agency basis, you may be liable to pay two commissions if you appoint a second agent now. However, if you would like to have an informal discussion at this stage or you have not sold your property when any such agreement expires, we will be happy to help you.



On Wednesday 7th February eight Year 10 students visited Reading University for the second part of the 'Reading Scholars Programme' to help raise aspirations and introduce them to higher education. The students started the day with an interactive quiz. They learnt that there are over 50,000 university courses and about 130 Universities within the UK.

Following this was a presentation about e-mentoring. This is a key part of the Scholars Programme and students, who are interested, will be matched with one of the Reading Mentors who will support and assist them with any questions they might have related to higher education and student life. It will be possible for students to send messages to their mentors on a regular basis via a system called Brightside. At lunchtime, the students were given a tour of the campus. They were taken to see the Sports facilities, the accommodation, the lecture theatres and the Student Union bar and facilities.

After lunch, the groups split. One half worked through a subject taster session on Cryptology and deciphering codes, and the other half worked with Reading Ambassadors looking at the variety of courses available at different Universities.

We return in March for Day 3 when we will receive lots of information about various careers.



Apprenticeship Live Broadcasts – Sixth Form

We have recently had access to 'Live Apprenticeship Broadcasts' from a number of organisations, including: Unilever, Specsavers, IBM, BBC, Severn Trent Water, TUI, Brother UK and University of Exeter

The purpose of these sessions is to provide students with information covering the latest opportunities. The skills employers are looking for, the recruitment process and how students can best prepare themselves for working life after school or college. Some of the organisations offer Apprenticeships post GCSEs and **many are now introducing degree apprenticeships from September 2018.**

We have more Broadcasts over the next few weeks from some great companies, including Mercurius IT, Microsoft, JP Morgan and National Grid. If any Year 11s, 12s or 13s are interested in any of these organisations and watching the broadcasts, please can they see Christine Sanders or Andrea Gilbey in the LRC or Kate Darvill in the Sixth Form so that we can set up the sessions.



On **Tuesday 6th March 2018** over hundred employers and providers will be at the National Apprenticeship Show at Sandown Park racecourse. The organisers are hoping to create a lively, interactive and fun environment which showcases what apprenticeship providers both large and small have to offer.

We are planning on taking a group of students to this show and hope to bring back lots of information to share with students in school. A letter will be coming out to parents of sixth form students and invited members of Year 10/11.

The event is free so transport costs will be the only requirement.

<http://www.nationalapprenticeshipshow.org/londonsoutheast/want-to-visit/>



The 'Apprenticeship Work' themed National Apprenticeship Week 2018 takes place from 5th to 9th March and will be a week-long promotion and celebration of apprenticeships in England. The week is designed to showcase how apprenticeships work for individuals, businesses, communities and the wider economy. There will be a lot of discussion throughout the week in the national media.

We have invited a School Engagement Coordinator from Aim Apprenticeships into school on **Thursday 8th March** to deliver a presentation to students and staff on apprenticeships and the government's commitment to expand and develop apprenticeships, particularly at degree level. The presentation will take place in the LRC at lunchtime. Students will be made aware of the event and encouraged to attend.

Andrea Gilbey, Leader for Careers





The Chalfonts Community College is working in partnership with School Lettings Solutions to utilise our facilities during evenings, weekends and school holidays, creating a community network with clubs and groups within the area.

SLS have a dedicated School Leisure and Sports Manager who is responsible for taking bookings of the facilities, ensuring that the main focus for school staff is pupil attainment and day-to-day responsibilities.

Facilities include an astro turf pitch, gymnasium, grass pitches & much more. To hire a facility or for more information about what SLS can offer, please visit their dedicated lettings website <http://chalfonts.schoolbookings.co.uk/> or contact the School Leisure and Sports Manager on 0151 515 6556



Needed

We would welcome donations of PE kit that students have grown out of or no longer need. This includes old trainers and football boots too.

The PE department need as much spare kit as possible. It's extremely useful for when students forget to bring theirs in. We can then give them spares to participate.

Please deliver to reception



Sports Fixures



Date	Year	Sport	Versus	Home/ Away	Staff	Approx Pick up time
Mon 26 February	9 & 10	Table Tennis	Thorpe House		HDN	
Tues 27 February	U13	Footy Tournament	Amersham		NBL	1730
Weds 28 February	7A	Netball	Challoners	Home	FNR	1700
	7 & 8	Table Tennis	Thorpe House		HDN	1730
Thurs 1 March	10	Football	Princes Risborough		FCT	
	8	Rugby	Aylesbury		HDN	1730
Mon 5 March	7 A & B	Football	Chesham Grammar	Away	CHA/DCY	1730
Weds 7 March	9 & 10	Dist Netball Tourn	@ Kingsmead	Away	KTC, CHG, FNR, NBL	
Thurs 8 March	7	Football	Beaconsfield	Home	CHA	1700

Dates for your Diary

Monday 26th February - Y7 'Alright Charlie' - Girls 12:15-1:15pm; Boys 1:45-2:45pm
- Y8 'Girls in Sport' Event - 10am - 2pm

Tuesday 27th February - Blood Brothers till Friday 2nd March
- Y9 Reading University Visit

Tuesday 6th March - Y10-13 Apprenticeship Show
- Y7 - Author Visit - P3

Wednesday 7th March - Y8 'Alright Charlie' - Girls 12:15-1:15pm; Boys 1:45-2:45pm

Thursday 8th March - Y10-12 DofE Award Evening - 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Friday 9th March - PTA Quiz Night - 7:00pm
- Y7 - Race for the Line Challenge

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News from the Medical Room and Lost Property

Medical Time-Out cards

Students diagnosed with a medical condition, which may necessitate them leaving a lesson, are issued with a Medical Time-Out card so that they can leave the lesson, without having to explain the reason to the teacher and with as little disruption as possible to the rest of the class.

Most students issued with these use them very responsibly but last term a small minority abused their use of them.

If your child is issued with an M T-O card, please will you remind them that they need to use it sensibly as they are issued for their benefit. i.e. they don't need to explain to each teacher why they need to leave the room.

Students using crutches following an operation or injury

Please advise Miss Romney if your son or daughter has an operation, or sustains an injury, and needs to use crutches on their return to school, as we need to ensure that they are given any support needed to keep them safe. This includes a risk assessment being carried out.

Lost Property

There is still a lot of 'lost property' being generated – please encourage students to look after their belongings – especially items of PE kit.

All named lost property is returned to its owner via e-mails to the students' tutor, so please name anything that is likely to get 'lost'. Un-named lost property is put on the table in the corridor outside the medical room for anyone to claim and is recycled after a couple of weeks as there isn't any storage space for the quantities of items received.

Use of the Medical Room

Reminder for students that the medical room is open at break and lunch-time for students to 'Drop-In'. It is only open during and between lessons for accidents and medical emergencies.

Medical Conditions

If your son or daughter are diagnosed with any medical conditions, or are prescribed any medication that they may need during the day, please contact Miss Romney so that the information can be recorded.

Gayle Romney

Medical Administrator/First Aider/Lost Property

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