

THE CHALFONTS COMMUNITY **Chronicle**

"Success is an Attitude..."

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Paula Procopi
Assistant Principal

"There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure." Colin Powell - American Statesman

Welcome back to everyone after our half term break; a well-deserved rest before embarking on the full exam season. Our students are well on their way through their exam schedules and will see the fruits of their hard work over the last two years, when they receive their GCSE and 'A' Level results in August. We wish them good luck and hope they all do themselves proud!

Success is an attitude but success doesn't come without hard work and preparation. I am confident that our students have worked really hard to achieve their very best.

The College continues to be a lively, active and busy environment, where so much goes on but often we do not receive the recognition we deserve. One area we pride ourselves in, is the professional mentoring, guidance and nurturing we give to all our Trainee Teachers and Newly Qualified Teachers (NQT's). We have successfully accommodated nine trainee teachers in Maths, Science and PE, from Brunel University and one fulltime Geography trainee teacher from the Herts & Bucks Teaching School Alliance. We have also had four other trainees in Humanities and MFL from the TSA for six week placements. We currently employ eight great NQT's who have all worked hard to complete their induction year. They are all working towards their final assessment at the end of this summer term. All the subject mentors are experienced teachers, who voluntarily support and advise, as well as nurture them into becoming great teachers!

As the Professional Mentor for all the Trainee Teachers and NQT's, I couldn't do my job without the amazing subject mentors. A massive thank you to them for all the hard work and commitment they give which supports us as a school, to grow and nurture our teachers of the future. I continue to recruit for trainee teachers and have already secured placements for a number of subject areas for 2018-19.

On the 2nd of July we will be holding a staff conference which involves 600 staff from five schools across the Teaching School Alliance. We will be hosting this conference, a huge educational event with two guest speakers presenting the newest initiatives and information. We will be spending time together to exchange good practice and look at how we can collaborate and move forward. It will be a great opportunity for all staff to discuss current changes in curriculum and education. We can learn from each other and hopefully develop our skills even further, with new ideas and approaches to teaching.

"The difference between who you are and who you want to be is what you do."



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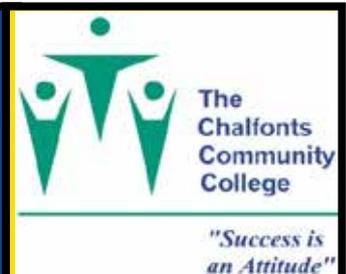
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Literacy

Back in October, twenty of our students from Year 10 and above began mentoring twenty students from Years 7 and 8. Through weekly 1-to-1 reading sessions in the LRC, our "Reader Leaders" have been practising and improving the literacy skills of our "Readers" through a series of reading, phonetic and quizzing challenges. As the window for this academic year draws to a close, we'd like to thank our "Reader Leaders" for taking the time to work with our younger students and highlight the impact they've made on these young people's lives. The positive changes in the confidence levels of the Readers, not just in reading situations but also in a social setting, have been terrific to see. In terms of the facts and figures, 100% of our readers have improved their "reading age" through the scheme, with some students making as many as two years' progress. This has been a hugely beneficial and enjoyable scheme, perhaps best highlighted by the fact that many Readers and Reader Leaders have chosen to continue with the programme voluntarily until the summer holidays and then again from September onwards.



Our thanks and congratulations go to the following Reader Leaders: Jessica Higgins, Sophie Gilson, Rebecca Percival, Mia Perry, Max Giggins, Maisie Faulkner, Mitchell Cumber, Taran Sagoo, Molly Payne, Nimisha Chopra, Helena Augustine, Louis Cooke, Leah Widdows, Shaila Rajput, Eve Williams, Lucy Thorp, Bella Green and Freya Savage.

From September 2018, we would like to increase the impact of the programme. We intend to offer the scheme to around 40 Leaders who will work with either a Year 7 or 8 student. The programme will be delivered twice: initially from September to February half term and then from February until the summer holidays of 2019. If you would like your child to be involved as a Reader Leader from September onwards, feel free to contact either myself at HowardD'Arcy@chalfonts.org or JoannaGreen@chalfonts.org by 1st July 2018. Some of this year's Reader Leaders have been able to use this voluntary experience as a way to meet the volunteering criteria of a Duke of Edinburgh Award, while others will no doubt use this on any work or further education CV.

Mr H D'Arcy
Leader for PE



UKMT Junior Maths Challenge 2018



In April, the Maths department invited students from Years 7 and 8 to sit the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge. The Maths Challenge is a national competition that encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. Although it is a multiple choice test, it is very, very tough!

Over 300,000 pupils from more than 4000 schools and colleges across the UK participated. Students have to answer 25 questions in 60 minutes. Only the top 40% of scorers nationally are awarded certificates and this year we had one student that not only secured Gold but has been invited to sit the follow-up round called the UKMT Junior Kangaroo challenge, much like the JMC but harder. Congratulations go to Deeksha Pant in Year 8 who was awarded the Best in School Award for her age group.

Pupils at The College achieved: 1 Gold, 8 Silver and 24 Bronze certificates which is brilliant news and also sets a new record for the College.

The winners of the 2018 JMC are as follows:

Year 8 Winners - Deeksha Pant (Gold & Best in School award)

Caitlin Robertson, Madeline Dunlop Nash, Hannah Schwaar, Alfie Tormey, Emily Morrison, Matthew Phipps, Isobel Griffiths, Keira Moore, Erin O'Connor, Manraaj Pangali, Millie Candlin, Steven Elmer, Joe Mayes, Ryley Campbell, Cody Drake, Charlie Gardner, Jessica Maher, Harry Gower, Bethany Dempsey

Year 7 Winners - Caoimhe Tosh (Silver & Best in Y7)

Herbie Pullen, Samishka Khurana, Emilia Maciejewska, Chloe Mann, Vaibhav Raj, Felix Flower, Hassan Abbas, Yasmin Hassan, Saran Somrah, Chloe Kentish-Finn, Oliver Prince, Magdalana Ilieva

The Maths department is very proud of all the students that entered the challenge and hope to give more students a chance at the next challenge to reveal the hidden mathematical talent at the College.

Here is a selection of questions from this year's JMC; see if you can do them and feel free to send your answers back to the College. I will check them and if they are correct, there will be a small prize!

8. Gill scored a goal half way through the second quarter of a 'teachers versus pupils' netball match. At that point, what fraction of the whole match remained to be played?

A $\frac{1}{4}$ B $\frac{3}{8}$ C $\frac{1}{2}$ D $\frac{5}{8}$ E $\frac{3}{4}$

21. There are _____ vowels in this short sentence.

Which of the following options should replace "_____" to make the sentence in the box true?

A twelve B thirteen C fourteen D fifteen E sixteen

If you would like to know more about the Maths Challenge, please visit:

<https://www.ukmt.org.uk/about-us/>

Mr Vahora, Vice Principal



Fundraising

We just wanted to update you on Emma's fundraising efforts for Liberty's Legacy. She has now raised over £1,000!

She has completed the Hillingdon Triathlon, the Gerrards Cross Fun Run and the biggest challenge: cutting off her (very) long hair. She donated a jaw dropping 48cm (19 inches) to the Little Princess Trust, who make wigs for children undergoing treatment for cancer.

One parent even offered her £200 NOT to cut her hair!

Needless to say, we are very proud of Emma and her efforts to raise money for such a good cause. The donation page is still open at www.virginmoneygiving.com/EmmaMcCullagh if you feel able to give.

Jules McCullagh



Garden Party at Buckingham Palace

In the same week that saw the Royal Wedding, Cathy Jones, manager of The Chalfonts Community College's Additionally Resourced Provision (ARP) which supports students with physical disabilities, attended a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace, in recognition of her services to supporting disabled students. Cathy had a memorable day, the weather was wonderful and apparently the tea and cakes weren't bad either! As a team we are very proud that Cathy had the opportunity to attend the Garden Party and thank her for all her hard work in supporting the students.

Sheena Gaunt
Strategic Leader for Learning Support



MANDARIN CHINESE



Congratulations to our Mandarin students who have just received their super results and certificates for the HSK1 examination.



New Parent Governors

Following the formal process to find two new Parent Governors last term, we are delighted to inform you that Ed Matthews and Julia Mills were elected by parental vote.

In addition, the Members of Chalfonts Academy Trust have also strengthened the Governing Board by directly appointing Sharon Kirby and Deborah Sweeney as new Member Governors to replace two retiring governors.

We look forward to working with our new Governors and would like to thank all candidates for their interest in supporting our school. Thanks also to the parents who who voted.

The College would like to extend their thanks to all outgoing Governors. These included: Lisa Andrews, David Cooke, Dave Frewin, Samina Khan and Patrick Makoni whose time and dedication have been invaluable to the strategic management of the school.

Steve Smart is due to retire at the end of the Summer Term and has preemptively stepped down as Chair of Governors at the end of the spring term. The Governing Board has elected Andy Wright (previously Vice Chair of Governors) as their new Chairman.

We wish to thank Steve for all his considerable time and energy spent as Chair of the Governing Board and wish him well in his future endeavours.

Andy Wright – Chair of Governors



Art and Photography Summer exhibition 2018

Sixth Form Fine Art and Photography students have been busy displaying all their work from the last two years. Their show will be open for one night only on 21st June between 5.30 and 7.30.

Everyone welcome!





Year 9 Marine Engineering Workshop

On Tuesday 15th May, Dan Simons, STEM Manager of the Sea Cadets came in to school to deliver a 'Sea Cadets Marine Engineering Pathway (MEP)' workshop for some of our Year 9 students. The Sea Cadets is a vibrant national charity, passionate about inspiring young people to engage with STEM subjects and highlight the career opportunities in Marine Engineering.

2018 is the National Year of Engineering, so it was a very timely workshop!

The hands-on sessions taught pupils about the principles of engineering through team challenges. Using real-life scenarios, pupils were tasked with designing and creating an engineering solution.

The morning started with a presentation from Dan who shared facts about Marine Engineering and the many very exciting roles that exist within that area!

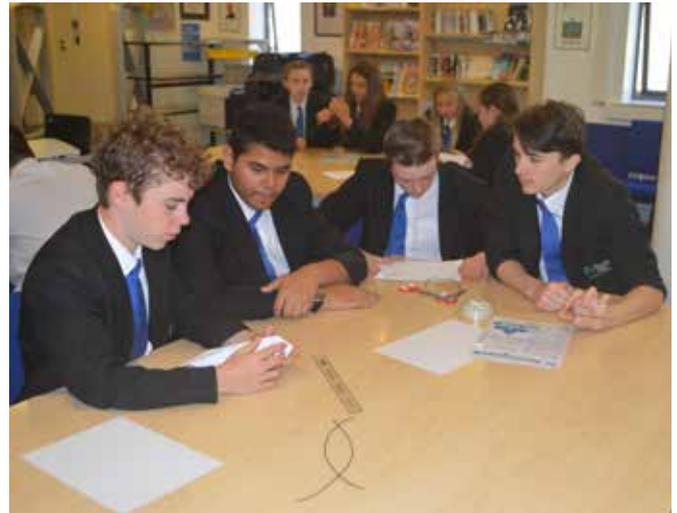
Some interesting facts:

- There will be a shortage of Engineers by 2 million in 2022
- Only 9% of Engineers are women
- 94% of Engineers are of a white background, which does not reflect society

Where do Engineers work?

- On Super Yachts
- On offshore oil rigs
- On offshore wind farms
- On submarines. Staff can stay on a submarine for 3-4 months and, if they didn't have to come up for food they could spend 2-3 years, which is equivalent to sailing twice around the World!
- Sea Containerships – ¼ mile long and can carry 14,770 huge containers

There are degree apprenticeships available now starting at £30,000 pa. The training will take place at a Maritime College. For the roles offshore, the salary is tax free.



Following this presentation, the students were provided with materials and placed in teams to build a boat. They were given wire and paper, and then silver foil to make the boat water tight. Each of the teams tested their boats on water and there was a competition to see how many marbles could be placed in the boats before they sank.

We were competing against a number of schools and for one of them a boat sank with just 6 marbles in it!! Our minimum number of marbles was 100 and the winning female team managed 252!!! Well done to 'Duchess of the Sea'!!!



To enhance the experience, the Sea Cadets had brought in a Marine Engineering (ME) Pod which was fully equipped with both a working and a cross-sectional marine engine.

We are going to be inviting Dan to come back in the next school year to work with our Year 8 and 9 students.

Christine Sanders
Leader for Employability



cricket



Girls cricket at Coleshill Cricket Club, Tower Road, Coleshill, Amersham HP7 0LA

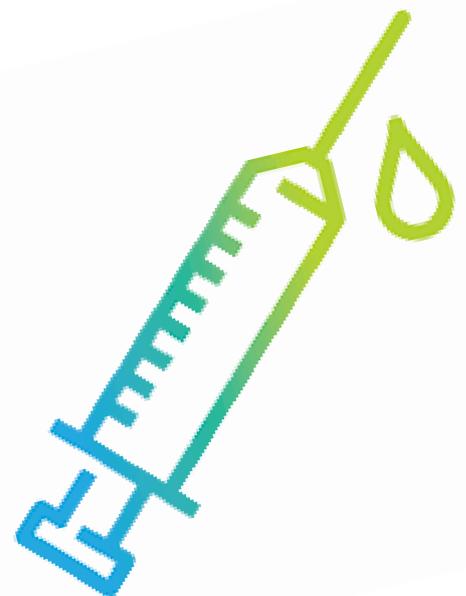
Sunday morning cricket training for girls at Coleshill Cricket Club

All ages welcome - 10.00 am start



DON'T WAIT... VACCINATE.

The Immunisation Team will be coming to the college on Monday 25th June to do the injections for students who have missed them during the year. This includes any Year 8 girls for their second HPV injection and any Year 9 students who missed their Td/IPV, MenACWY or MMR.



Please contact Miss Romney if you need further information.

Year 11 & 13 students

At the end of your exams

ALL lockers MUST be emptied

And all medication collected from the Medical room



Catering Assistant

Would you like to work in The College Café?



The Chalfonts Community College is looking for a catering assistant to join our busy in-house catering department

Term time only, hours 9-2.30, flexible from 8am

2-3 days per week plus other days if staff are required

Roles include; cold food preparation, serving students and general kitchen duties.

Need to enjoy being part of a team and a good sense of humour helps.

Full training would be given.

Interested? Get in touch and join us for a day to see what the job involves.

Call Carole or Barbara on 01753 881 718

or email: carolefadipe@chalfonts.org



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 11th June	10	Cricket	Thorpe House	Away	HWD	1730
Weds 13th June	8	Rounders Tourn	Chiltern Hills	Away		1830
	9/10	Snr Trophy Cricket	Amersham	Away	DCY	1730
Mon 18th June	8	Rounders	St Marys	Home	NBL	1700
Tues 19th June	9	Cricket	Chesham	Away	DCY	1730
	7/8	Cricket	West Wycombe	Away	HDN	1730
Weds 20th June	7	Rounders Tourn		Home	NBL/KTC	1830
	7	Cricket	Chesham	Away	CHA	1730
	U15	Tennis	Chesham		HWD	
Thurs 21st June	9	Rounders	St Marys	Away	KTC/NBL	1730

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 14th June	Y12 Parents' Evening 4:30pm - 6.30pm
Friday 15th June	Y12 Geography Residential until Sunday 17th June
	Y8 History Trip - Battlefields of Belgium
Tuesday 19th June	Y8 Sports Day 8:20am - 2:50pm
Thursday 21st June	Y12 'UCAS' Induction
Friday 22nd June	Y7 French Trip to Boulogne-sur-Mer

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- ✓ Skirts
- ✓ Trousers
- ✓ PE tops
- ✓ PE skorts
- ✓ PE shorts
- ✓ PE fleeces
- ✓ Socks
- ✓ And other items...

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