

THE CHALFONTS COMMUNITY **Chronicle**

"Success is an Attitude..."

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The final half term in school is always a busy period because there are so many opportunities happening for the students at this time.

Examinations

Well done to all year 11 and year 13 students who have completed their GCSE and A' Level examinations. Hopefully they felt prepared for every exam they faced and were supported by their teachers and parents through this stressful and demanding time. Year 11 and year 13 now have time to spend on other pursuits but should also think about preparing themselves for the next step in their educational or career journey.

Year 10 and year 9 are in the middle of their exam period. This is an important step in the GCSE curriculum and these exams should be taken very seriously. The new GCSE courses are incredibly demanding so all students need to ensure they are regularly revising and working independently in each subject areas. In order to be successful you can't wait until the end of year 11 to start to focus. Good luck and do your best!

Work Experience Preparation

Year 10 and some year 12s are currently making the final preparations for their Work Experience weeks. This is a fantastic opportunity that sadly isn't available in all schools. During this time students learn important life skills and can begin to see the connection between the key values we uphold at the school and in the workplace such as attendance, punctuality, responsibility, resilience and effort.

Trips and Sports Days

A variety of trips have happened or will be happening across this half term including: a history trip to the battlefields of World War One; year 7 Boulogne Trip; a geography field trip to Dorset; year 10 trip to Poland to visit Auschwitz; various Duke of Edinburgh events including a Gold trip to Poland and Slovakia; World Challenge to Croatia and year 7, 8 and 9 Sports Days. These are amazing opportunities available to our students and highlight the important learning that happens outside the classroom (as well as in it). Thank you to all staff involved in creating these wonderful experiences for students in all year groups.

Teaching and Learning

There are four full weeks left at school until the summer holidays. This is invaluable learning time so we must ensure we remain focused and conscientious in this time. Every moment counts in the classroom therefore all students should make sure full learning kit is brought to every lesson; all homework is completed and 100% effort is given at all times.

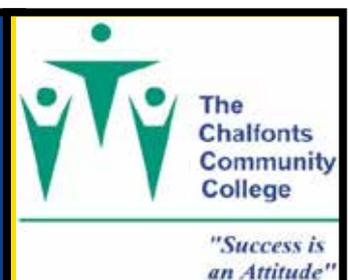


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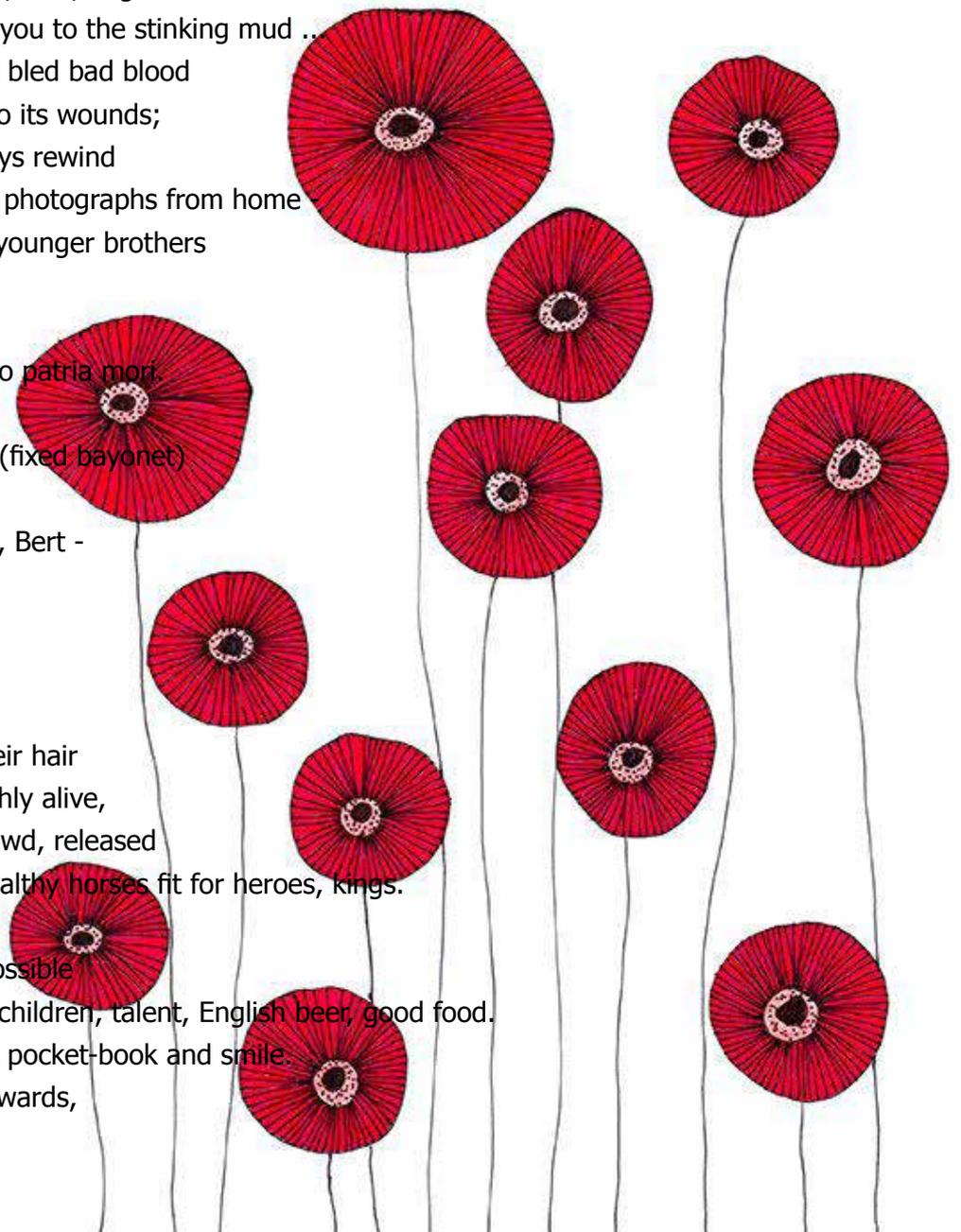


Battlefields Trip - 15th June

We all met outside school to a welcome of the dawn chorus and at 4.30am we boarded the coach and headed for the ferry port of Dover. Following a smooth crossing of the English Channel, we travelled through France and into Belgium to Tyne Cot, the largest British and Commonwealth cemetery. We spent time searching for long lost relatives who travelled here 100 years ago but never returned. Mr Leybourne read the last post poem:

Last post - Carol Ann Duffy

In all my dreams, before my helpless sight,
He plunges at me, guttering, choking, drowning.
If poetry could tell it backwards, true, begin
that moment shrapnel scythed you to the stinking mud ...
but you get up, amazed, watch blood
run upwards from the slime into its wounds;
see lines and lines of British boys rewind
back to their trenches, kiss the photographs from home
mothers, sweethearts, sisters, younger brothers
not entering the story now
to die and die and die.
Dulce - No - Decorum - No - Pro patria mori.
You walk away.
You walk away; drop your gun (fixed bayonet)
like all your mates do too -
Harry, Tommy, Wilfred, Edward, Bert -
and light a cigarette.
There's coffee in the square,
warm French bread
and all those thousands dead
are shaking dried mud from their hair
and queuing up for home. Freshly alive,
a lad plays Tipperary to the crowd, released
from History; the glistening, healthy horses fit for heroes, kings.
You lean against a wall,
your several million lives still possible
and crammed with love, work, children, talent, English beer, good food.
You see the poet tuck away his pocket-book and smile.
If poetry could truly tell it backwards,
then it would.



We then visited the German Langemark cemetery, which was very different from Tyne Cot in that it was covered with trees and felt somewhat cooler. We then made our way to Essex Farm cemetery where the youngest British Tommy was buried, rifleman Valentine Joe Strudwick who died at the age of 15.



We returned to Ypres to visit the Flanders Field Museum and to liberate some Belgium chocolate and then it was off to Calais for our ferry home. A very long but worthwhile and memorable day.



June 2018

The Chalfonts Community College PE Department recently held the sixth annual Sports Awards Evening at Denham Grove. Designed to recognise the fantastic commitment, time and effort our students put into all the sports teams here at the school, the evening was once again, a great success.



As PE teachers, we really value the time the students give up to practise and compete for our school teams. This year the students have competed in a combined total of over 200 fixtures including netball, football, gymnastics, athletics and more. As a thank you, we organised this ever growing, prestigious event that is invite only and limited to a select few lucky students per year group due to the venue capacity. A huge well done and thank you is extended to all the students of The Chalfonts Community College who represented our school in any sporting event!



Sportsman and Sportswoman of the year went to Max Mcgarvie and Rachael Parker. Congratulations to both of them.

Max is the youngest student to have received this award. Over the years he's given up countless hours to play for and represent the school at local, district, county and national level. He has shown fantastic leadership, outstanding performance across many sports, commitment and willingness to support PE wherever possible. He is also a hard worker, a top performer within BTEC Sport and generally a fantastic role model to others. He has been an important part of a District and County Cup winning football team, represented the school in cross country (finishing as the 2nd quickest runner in the County) and in swimming he was part of the 10th quickest relay team in the Country. The list really does go on and on.

Rachael has been an exceptional athlete and performer, representing the college at regional and national level on a number of occasions. This year in the U19s Girls Gymnastic team she competed against girls who are two years older than herself. She has taken on a coaching role and has been exceptionally helpful and supportive to our younger gymnastics. This has involved teaching the gymnasts new skills, choreographing their routines and supporting them at competitions. Her leadership skills have also been applied to working as a sports leader at primary school festivals. We wish her all the best with her next journey after GCSEs.



We also thanked Annie Morris, Katie Dore, Hans Do Oma, Otto Summerall and Jamie Woods who gave up time week in week out to help the department. We really do not know what we would do without them!

Naomi Noble
PE Technician





RIVERTIME BOAT TRUST



On June 13th 2018 we took 12 students to a new charity accessible water sports day which was hosted by The Rivertime Trust at Bisham Abbey National Sports Centre.

The focus of the day was for students with a variety of physical or learning disabilities to be given the opportunity to kayak, canoe, bell boat and have a tour along the Thames near Marlow in a wheelie boat.



Thankfully the sun was shining and the students had a fantastic time. As I paddle boarded alongside our students, one decided to hijack my paddle board and I ended up getting rather wet in an open kayak. A huge well done to Charlotte Reeves who mastered balancing on the paddle board after her successful on the water transition from kayak to paddle board. The highlight of the day was watching Hafzaa (our wheelchair user) paddle confidently with Mrs Beck in a tandem kayak.



A huge thank you to Mrs Jones, Mrs Beck and Mrs Alty without whom the trip would not have happened.

Corrie Fenner
Teacher of PE



Year 12 History Visit to Hughenden Manor

As part of the A level History British Empire module, Year 12 students visited Hughenden Manor just near High Wycombe on a glorious sunny summer's day.



Hughenden was purchased by Benjamin Disraeli as his country home in 1848 and was cherished by himself and his wife Mary Anne. Securing the manor was vital to the realisation of his political ambitions and his personal aspirations and it provided the setting for a political drama and royal visits. The top floor is dedicated to Queen Victoria who Disraeli made Empress of India.



The Year 12 students explored the house and gardens to obtain a real feel for its history. The young Disraeli was an unlikely politician with his flamboyant appearance and heavy debts. He married a wealthy widow and bought Hughenden Manor which became his much loved home and private retreat. Its library contains a rich array of books and its dining room is adorned with a portrait of Queen Victoria who was once a guest for lunch. There is even a costume room where our students entertained themselves by dressing up as various characters from the Victorian era.

Hughenden Manor was the base for a secret map-making organisation during the Second World War. It is certainly worth a visit.

Mr Leybourne
Teacher of History



SIXTH FORM NEWS

MARTYN WAY

LEADER FOR SIXTH FORM

Head Girl/Head Boy Elections

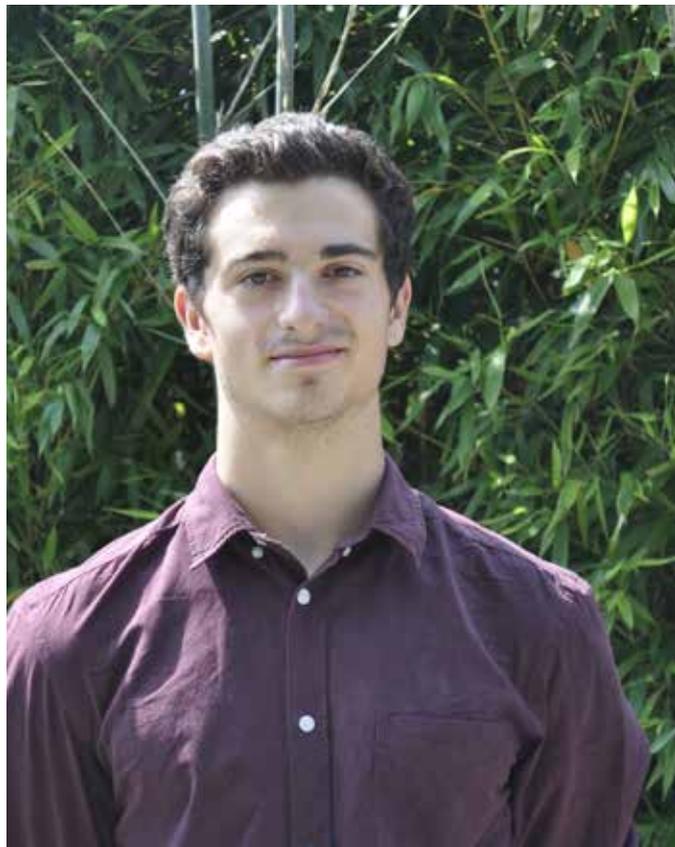
Last term we elected a new Head Girl and Head Boy, plus their deputies for the sixth form.

Head girl: Priya Dhatt, Deputies: Lucy Magor, Lucy Brooker

Head boy: Adam Day, Deputies: Chaydine (Hance) Do-Oma, Jamie Woods

The following students were also nominated by their teachers who felt would make great student ambassadors: Ella Casey-Priday, Rahul Kapur, Rosie Monger, Jack Pittman, Emily Warren and Hannah Yates.

All those involved in the process made a "campaign" speech to the teachers and sixth formers who voted for them. Well done to them.



Our outgoing Head Boy Llewelyn Woodman, had this to say about his year in office...

"My year as Head Boy has been a fulfilling and an eventful one. In this role I have developed to become a more accomplished public speaker and endeavoured to be a role model to all students. With the support of an excellent team, we have set in motion the process of restoring and planting many trees here at Chalfonts. This will hopefully be completed next year by the new set of leaders, to give back something to the school and the environment.

In student voice meetings I have worked with students of all ages and together we collaborated on different areas whereby students seeking to progress at school could flourish, thus creating a more interconnected Chalfonts.

In the future I hope to attend Southampton University and complete an Environmental Science degree. In order to achieve this I have had so much support from many subject teachers who have helped me achieve my goals. I am grateful for this opportunity as serving The Chalfonts has been an absolute pleasure and I will miss the school atmosphere and community very much. I wish the new Head Girl and Head Boy all the best with their future endeavours."

Old Chalfonts Alumni News

Congratulations to Skye-Lucia Moore who has just graduated with a First class degree in Physiotherapy from Hertfordshire University. Skye-Lucia left The Chalfonts in 2015 with 3 A Levels in P.E. (Grade A), Psychology (B) and Biology (C). We wish her all the best in her future career.



UCAS Information Evening

At the time of writing, all of our current Year 12s will have started their university applications for 2019. On Thursday 21st June we listened to speakers from Brunel, Bournemouth and Bucks New universities as well as some former Chalfonts students to introduce the UCAS (University and Colleges Admission Service) process. On Thursday June 28th 5.45pm – 6.45pm), we will be inviting parents of Year 12 students into school for our annual UCAS Information Evening in which the university application process will be explained and demystified by myself and our guest speaker from Brunel University. As well as the presentations, there will be an opportunity for you to ask questions; we hope you can join us.



A massive massive thank you to all the students and parents who supported Cupcake Day.

We were overrun with cupcakes!

During sales in Tutor, Break and Lunchtime, we managed to raise a fantastic £550.00. Regards, Carolyn Dancer

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT



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 25th June	7 & 8	Cricket 8aside	JHGS	Away	CHA/HDN	1730
Tues 26th June	8 & 9	Cricket	Thorpe House	Away	DCY	1730
	7 & 8	Cricket	Chesham	Away	HDN	1730
Weds 27th June	U13/U15	Athletics	Thorpe House	Away	FNR	1830
Mon 2nd July	9	Tennis	St Marys	Away	NBL	1730
	9 & 10	Senior Trophy Day	RGS	Away	DCY	1500
Thurs 5th July	8	Basketball	Lynch Hill		HDN	

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 26th June	Y8 'Bucks Big Bang' STEM Trip to Aylesbury
Wednesday 27th June	Y8 Information Evening - DofE - 6:00pm - 7:30pm
Thursday 28th June	Y12 Parents: UCAS Information Evening
	Y7 Sports Day 8:20am - 2:50pm
Friday 29th June	Y11 Final Assembly 9.10 to 11.00am
	Y11 Prom 7:00pm - 11:00pm
Saturday 30th June	Y12/13 DofE Gold Qualifying to Poland/Slovakia until 7/7/18
Monday 2nd July	Staff Training (CPD)
Tuesday 3rd July	Y6 Induction Day 8:30am - 2:50pm
	Y6 Induction Evening 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Wednesday 4th July	Y10 Reading Scholars Trip to Reading University
	District Athletics
Friday 6th July	Y11 World Challenge - Group 1 - Build Up Day
	Y10 RE/Citizenship Residential to Krakow until Sunday 7/7/18
Sunday 8th July	Y11 World Challenge - Group One to Croatia until 18/7/18
	Y11 World Challenge - Group Two - Build Up Day
Monday 9th July	Y10 Work Experience until 13/7/18

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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.

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