



The History of Chalfonts Community College

Ms Irvine

2023 to 2024 represents the academic year that The Chalfonts Community College turns 75. In 1948, 114 fresh-faced students started school in a secondary modern that was built to accommodate the extra secondary students who had to now remain in school until they were 15. In its beginning, The Chalfonts County Secondary School, as it was known then, was built on a farm called 'Old Jobs.' Many people affectionately referred to the school by the name 'Old Jobs' and some parts of the community still do. It was first built to service the local community.

Our school as it is known now, The Chalfonts Community College, wanted to celebrate the history of our school and to look back at some of the amazing successes and achievements that students, who have attended our school, have had over the years. To mark the occasion, we wanted students to be able to celebrate everything 'Chalfonts' with a day in school dedicated to looking into our history and having a bit of fun. We hope that all of our students managed to take away some brilliant memories from the day.

A Trip down Memory Lane

We wanted CCC students to have an idea of the journey the school has been on since it opened in 1948. A Year 8 team of students helped to put together an excellent video to celebrate the history of our school. They spoke to some of the many people that have belonged to the school community for a long time. They even got in touch with some past students who had attended The Chalfonts Community College throughout the decades—the oldest starting in 1959.

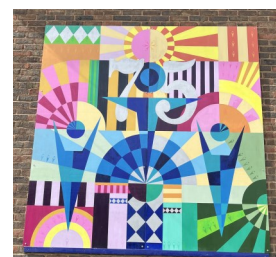
Mrs Whitehead, the school principal, was asked why it was so important to celebrate the 75th anniversary, she said, "The school has been such a big part of a local community for 75 years, so the amount of people that have first-hand experience of the school, whether they're parents, whether they're ex-students, ex-teachers - it's really important to celebrate that and treasure that just like we would in families. It is really good to know where we've come from, to understand what their lives were like, to know who our predecessors were and to know what they achieved in their time at school and then, to look forward to next 75 years." Students at tutor time on the 12th of July watched a shortened version of the video and got to enjoy everything from looking through the school's old log books from 1948 to watching some of the old footage of a school film that was created in 1959.

Please have a look at the full length video they created by clicking the video player:



A Colourful Way to Celebrate By Henry Taylor

On Friday 12th July, The Chalfonts Community College and the Art department, unveiled its new mural outside of the small cafe. The new Mural showcases the school's four values: being conscientious, committed, courteous and



community-minded. The student leadership team came up with the idea of producing a mural as a lasting reminder of the 75th Anniversary of the school. Holly Mallowan, a 6th form student, managed to source the boards on which it is painted for free from Grant and Stone. Then it was just up to the Art department to pull the whole thing together.



With its bold design and colour selection, it will be a beautiful reminder of the history of our school, and also help us to remember where we currently are as a school, for the years to come.



The Art department put much effort into the design. Mrs Crow-Stewart said, "We wanted to involve as many students and teachers in the making of it as possible." In the week leading up to the event, students and teachers currently at the school were asked to come and make their mark by carefully painting a small section.

Silver was used in the diamond shapes and the numbers to represent the diamond anniversary and the colours for the four sections of the mural, representing our four Cs were selected to represent our values. For example, in the bottom right corner, a garden theme was selected to represent community.



On Friday 12th July at lunch time, the mural was unveiled by Mr West and Mrs Whitehead in front of a great number of students who all cheered happily as the mural was revealed. The first comments were all about how amazing it looked and how inspiring it was and also about how it will brighten up our field for the years to come.



Science: Animals in Space

By Miles Reeves

The science department has decided to construct their lessons around 'animals in space' for our 75th School Anniversary. Led by Mr Cartwright, the science team decided on this topic because "...it was one of the biggest events of the time and it is interesting for the students."

The students learned about a male Rhesus Monkey called Albert II, who was the first mammal to enter space in June 14 1949 on a V2 sounding rocket from New Mexico. The students in the lesson thought "It was interesting" and they learnt "...he died on ground impact."

Whole School Drone Photo



To end the day, students and staff were part of a whole school event to celebrate the 75th Anniversary together. Ms Irvine said, "We wanted to make sure that there was an opportunity on the day for the entire school to come together to contribute to something special to mark this special occasion." Everyone was gathered on the field and had to wait patiently for their classes' turn to come up and be placed in their part of the letters CCC to represent our school.

In total, more than 700 people who were present in school on the day, were arranged into the letters so a drone photo could be taken from above. This was no easy feat. The day before, the letters were spray painted faintly in lime green paint so that students could be carefully arranged into their positions—Miss Webb even had to have drone flying lessons to be a back up pilot if needed! The outcome of the photo was fantastic, and was something that all students can say they were a part of.

Drama By Meghan McCarthy

To celebrate the 75th anniversary of the school, the drama department has been teaching students about school through the years. They have been doing improvised scenes about what they think it was like in each era. They focused on corporal punishment which was still around in the early years of the school.

One of the students told us they were "recreating a classroom from 75 years ago and creating a mixture of tableaux which are still pictures to portray a story and short scenes to represent what we thought school was like in 1948" It looked like a lot of fun!



75th Anniversary Walk-a-thon for The Charlie Waller Trust By Harry Jenkinson

The Chalfonts Community College has always been a school that loves giving back to charity and supporting charitable causes. This year, the Student Leadership Team and the Tutor representatives decided to support the Charlie Waller Trust, a mental health charity that supports young people with their mental health. For the 75th Anniversary, the students thought that there was no better way to celebrate than to involve raising money for such a good cause.



On Friday the 12th of July, as part of the 75th Anniversary celebrations, each year group completed a walk-a-thon where they

were asked to get sponsorship to either do as many laps as possible in 40 minutes of the 400m athletics track or just for their participation. Before the day, over £1800 had been raised for the Charlie Waller Trust.

The JustGiving page is open until the 19th of July so students can get in any last minute donations. There is a link to the page [here](#) if you



would like to donate to this worthwhile cause. Students and teachers have both said the Walk-a-thon was "fun" one student said "it was great as there was music and also 6th formers were

spraying people with water pistols!"

Aiden Best in Year 9 ran the most laps in the 40 minute window scoring 17 in total beating the last record of 15 laps scored by a Year 9 student two years ago. What a great effort. A big thank you to all of you who got sponsored and for those of you who have donated to the cause, helping to make the event a real success.



The Catering Department Does Cakes

To celebrate the 75th Anniversary, on the 12th of July, Year 10 students made and decorated beautiful cupcakes for themselves to try, but also to be served at the staff afternoon tea after school. Mrs Frances Smith, the school's catering co-ordinator said, "The colour blue depicts the school colours whilst the gold represents the golden age of 75 for the school" this statement excellently describes the school spirit we show and how much we have of it. The reason why they chose cupcakes it's because "it's an appropriate sweet treat for such an occasion" such as the tea party they had later in the day!



The room where they were making the cupcakes was a very calm environment even though over 200 cakes were being produced. Everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves as they carefully iced the cakes and topped them with beautifully crafted blue roses. The cupcakes looked amazing and they were enjoyed by all those who were lucky enough to try one.

By Ambika Solanki



MFL Timeline

By Miles Reeves

To celebrate the 75th anniversary of the school, the Modern Foreign Language department decided to create a timeline of the school's history. Miss Head decided on this activity "...to help students learn about the history of the school and to do a bit of language practice along the way" A student we interviewed said it was "really nice and it helped enhance my language skills"

The timeline had a number of pictures from the school over the years including ones of the old school pool, the old classrooms and students doing jobs and extra tasks around the school, like tending to the gardens. Captions were given to the pictures and then everything was then translated by students into the various languages we teach in school.

The display is up in the languages department and all of the students will be able to have a look at it and understand the history of our school.



Lego by Learning Support

By Harry Jenkinson

In Learning support, some students were selected to have some fun with Lego. Students built these magnificent creations to celebrate the 75th anniversary of The Chalfonts Community College. We asked a staff member of learning support why have students built Lego structures and they responded, "Because students really enjoy the Lego club and



we thought it was a great way to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the school" Lego itself allows students to be creative and have no real rules on what to build.



One of the students involved said it was "very enjoyable and it was great fun" to build the number 75 out of Lego.



Fun Hour in the LRC

By Sonny Sharma

The Learning Resource Centre is a real hub of our school, so when the opportunity arose to celebrate the 75 Anniversary of our school, Mrs Lindsay, Mrs Gilbert and Mrs Vinten jumped at the chance to invite some students to the LRC for an hour of fun. During this time,

students got to play board games, look at some interesting documents from the early days of the school and generally celebrate the school's 75th birthday.



Students who were the top ten merit earners in each year group this half term got to go to the LRC. One student said he "liked the hot chocolate, playing board games, doing word searches and relaxing." Mrs Lindsay said "it is a nice way to show our appreciation for the merit earners by giving back to the best students in each year at The Chalfonts Community College who come in a strive to be successful every day."



School dinners of 1948

By Miles Reeves

The humanities department decided to focus on what all students remember from their school days: lunch. They had a look at the history of school dinners. Miss Hunt said that this was chosen as it was "...educational and allowed for some fun group work." Students found out that school dinners "have become more nutritious over time and we have an array of options" The younger students thought it was "it was fun" and they discovered that "the food is better now" Most of those that were asked now have a new found appreciation for our Cafe staff and the food that we are able to enjoy every day at school.

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Old School Sports

By Henry Taylor

For the 75th Anniversary, the PE department held its celebration during lesson times. The PE department held four games inspired by games that would have been played at the time the school was first opened in 1948. Mr Khan gave us an early look at these sports which were: The egg and spoon race, sack race, bean bag challenge and the tug of war. These games brought enjoyment to all of the students who would have loved their PE lessons in the past and is now bringing joy to those taking PE lessons in 2024.

The school's PE department has changed massively since its beginning as the school used to only own one shot put, one discus and one javelin. Despite the lack of facilities in the beginning, the school has always been very good at sports. We now continue that tradition today.

