



27th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are thrilled to share the positive and energising start we've had this term. Our students have embraced our school values of being Conscientious, Committed, Community-minded, and Courteous, earning well-deserved merits both in and out of lessons. These values continue to shape our school culture, and the recognition of our students' efforts is truly inspiring.

Here are the total merits by year group:

Year 7: 7,813

Year 8: 5,798

Year 9: 6,688

Year 10: 5,103

Year 11: 4,384

A special mention to our top-performing tutor groups who lead the way in merits: 7k1, 8g4, 9k3, 10k4, and 11g1. Your children are setting fantastic examples for their peers!

We also want to celebrate five students who have excelled in embodying our school values: Ivy Cronen 129 merits, Calin Condurache 121 merits, Ellis Cole 120 merits, Tudor Buhna 102 merits and Dollie Brennan 99 merits.

Additionally, our Student of the Lesson and Tutee of the Week awards have been highly competitive, with students consistently demonstrating their commitment to learning and personal growth. These recognitions are a testament to the hard work and dedication seen across the school.

We're excited to continue building on this positive momentum and look forward to seeing even more of our students thrive!

Reminder of Early finish for Students on Tuesday 1st October

Students will finish school at 1.30pm on Tuesday. On this day all lessons will be reduced from 60 to 45 minutes. Lunch will be at the earlier time of 12.15-12.45pm.

Other early closures this term will take place on Wednesday 9th October at 12.35pm for our annual open evening and on Tuesday 26 November at 1.30pm.

Personal Development

The start of the new school year has seen great lessons for the new Personal Development department with lots of engagement from students across school in their lessons. Year 7 have been thinking about the changes they are experiencing in their new school. Year 8 have been learning about the dangers of grooming and child exploitation. They have created some great informative posters about how to look out for your friends and protect themselves. Year 9 have had great discussions about the laws around drug use and engaging with great resources. Year 10's focus this half term is violence, crime and online safety and in Year 11 we are preparing for exams by learning how to deal with exam stress. We are also starting to explore post 16 options.

The Learning Resource Centre (LRC)

The LRC has enjoyed welcoming Year 7 students and they have had Library Induction sessions with their English teachers. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know the students a little better and encourage reading within our school community. We have had a sort through our revision book section filtering out some much older texts and those that have seen better days! If you have any pre-loved revision guides that you would be willing to donate, these will be gratefully received. The LRC is in need of an update and we are fundraising for refurbishment. To help our fundraising efforts there will be a cake sale at the end of half term.

Attendance

By attending school regularly, your child is better positioned to succeed academically and develop essential skills for their future endeavours. If your child is not in school, our teachers cannot teach them. You can help your child to ensure they don't miss school days by helping them to understand the importance of good attendance, taking an interest in their school work and encouraging them to get involved in school activities. Please arrange appointments after school hours, at weekends or during school holidays to prevent disruption to your child's education.

All urgent and essential term time absences (except for sickness) must be requested in writing to me in advance. Please do not book holidays in term time, as these will not be authorised. Sickness absences should be reported by email attendance@chalfonts.org or telephoning by 8.45am or by using the Parent Arbor App. <https://www.chalfonts.org/about-us/attendance>

If you are facing any challenges that may affect your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. At The Chalfonts Community College we have an expectation that all pupils will commit to full attendance. Support and guidance is also available from the Local Authority: <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/campaign/present-for-their-future/>

Yours sincerely



Mrs C Whitehead
Principal

