

The Chalfonts Chronicle

Issue 1

Welcome to the first edition of our new and improved school newsletter

I am delighted to launch this vibrant publication, designed to celebrate the incredible achievements and energy of our wonderful school community.

We've listened to your feedback, and rather than a fortnightly letter and end of term newsletter we will send you this fortnightly newsletter which is brighter, more engaging, and easier to navigate. We hope you enjoy this new format, which aims to bring you closer to the heart of our school's successes.



Inside this issue, you'll find:

- Classroom champions, celebrates the outstanding success of students in the UK Intermediate maths challenge, a testament to their commitment and conscientiousness.
- Centre Stage showcases the school production of *We Will Rock You* and winners from Chalfont St Peter & Gerrard's Cross Rotary Art, Photography & Writing Competition 2024
- Beyond the finish line has a round-up of our recent sporting victories, highlighting the teamwork and dedication of our athletes.
- Sixth Form highlights includes our Year 11 students taking the first steps on their educational journey into the sixth form
- The Path Ahead features the incredible success of our recent careers event. The feedback from employers was phenomenal, and it was a joy to see our students engaging so enthusiastically with the diverse opportunities presented.
- Upcoming Events and important school reminders

This term sees the buzz of exam preparations filling the school. Our Year 11 and Year 13 students are demonstrating exceptional dedication, and I'm incredibly proud of their focus and resilience. The hard work being put in now, will be rewarded. It's wonderful to see students benefiting from the diligent efforts of our teaching staff in intervention sessions after school.

Beyond the exam preparations, spring brings a sense of optimism and possibility. I encourage all our students to embrace this season of growth, to explore new interests, and to continue to embody our school values.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership. Together, we are cultivating a learning environment where every student can thrive.



The Classroom Champions

2025 UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge



Some fantastic news to share about the Year 9, 10 and 11 students who sat the 2025 UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge last week (open to all Year 9-11 in the UK).

This year we had 16 certificate winners for the IMC2025:

3 x Gold
4 x Silver
9 Bronze

Best in the whole school was **Jaskeerat N** in Year 9, highest score ever for a CCC student and literally 1 question away from qualifying for the Olympiad (mega achievement). **Jaskeerat** and **Oscar S** in Year 9 have been invited to take part in the follow up round called the Grey Kangaroo Challenge and **Satchi S in Year 10** has been invited to sit the Pink Kangaroo.

The Kangaroo Rounds (so called to acknowledge the contribution made by Australia to establishing large-scale mathematics contests!). We wish our pupils the best of luck in these follow-up rounds!



This year's certificate winners are:

Jaskeerat N in Year 9 - 100 points - Gold = best in school
Oscar S in Year 9 - 95 points Gold
Satchi S in Year 10 - 89 points Gold = best in Year
Mohammed H in Year 10 - 68 points - Silver
John T in Year 11 - 64 points - Silver = best in Year
Jake N in Year 10 - 54 points - Silver
Lewis L in Year 11 - 52 points - Silver
Harry A in Year 9 - 51 points - Bronze
Ciara H in Year 9 - 48 points - Bronze
Anshika B in Year 11 - 48 points -Bronze
Henry T in Year 10 - 41 points - Bronze
Aaliyah B in Year 11 - 41 points - Bronze
Inaksha I in Year 9 - 40 points - Bronze
Ben S in Year 9 - 40 points - Bronze
Raya P in Year 9 - 38 points - Bronze
Sienna D in Year 9 - 37 points - Bronze



Centre Stage – Music & Drama



WE WILL ROCK YOU - A Show to Remember!

The stage at The Chalfonts Community College came alive with WE WILL ROCK YOU. Featuring the legendary music of QUEEN, this spectacular production showcased the talent, dedication, and passion of our students, both on and off stage.

Under the expert direction of award-winning Miss Dearing, the cast delivered an electrifying performance, telling the story of rock rebels fighting for freedom against the powerful Killer Queen. With incredible vocals, high-energy choreography, and a powerful message, the show was a true celebration of individuality and music.



Behind the scenes, students played a key role in set production, lighting, sound, marketing, and finance, making this a collaborative and enterprising experience for all.

A huge well done to everyone involved and making this an unforgettable event! 🎵🌟

Join Our Choir

Rehearsals take place every Monday and Tuesday 8.40am - 9.05am
In The Rivers Suite, adjacent to the LRC

Come and be part of our growing musical family.



Centre Stage – Art

Chalfont St Peter & Gerrard's Cross Rotary Art, Photography & Writing Competition 2024

Celebrating Our Creative Champions!

This year, our talented students once again shone in multiple categories, achieving fantastic results in the competition!

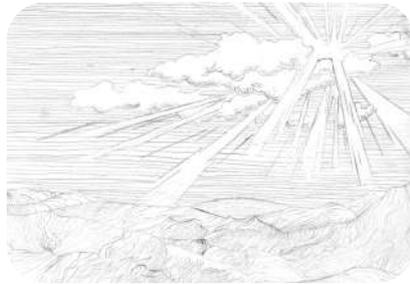
Writing:

- Morayon A (10G3) – 1st place (Senior Category)
- Charlotte K-F (8G1) – 1st place (Intermediate Category)
- Serena A (7G2) – 2nd place (Intermediate Category)
- Hevath Bashini (10G2) - 2nd place (Senior Category)



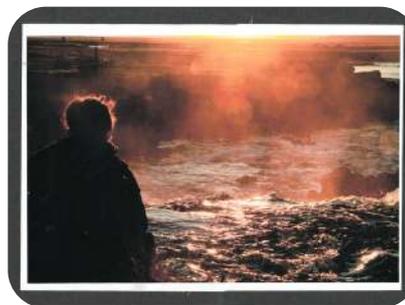
Art:

- Jaskeerat N (9G4) – 1st place (Intermediate Class)
- Anshika B (11G3) – 2nd place (Senior Class)
- Calin C (9G2) – 2nd place (Intermediate Class)



Photography:

- Rosalyn C (9G3) – 1st place



A huge well done to all our winners and entrants—competition was tough this year, and your creativity truly stood out!

Looking forward to even more success next year!



Beyond the Finish Line – Sporting Achievements

Shoutout to our Year 10 Netball Team!

Bringing skill, determination, and teamwork to the Kingsmead tournament—securing an outstanding win and putting up a fierce fight in every game!

A massive congrats to **Emily N**, Player of the Tournament!



Year 7 girls triumph!

A fantastic performance in the netball tournament with a 6-0 win over Misbourne!

Well done to the players and thanks to the organisers for a great event.

What a comeback for the Year 10 Rugby team!

Down 0-5 at HT, CCC fought back with a stunning solo try from 'Super' **Ted** & a clutch conversion by **Harley** !

Huge defensive hits from **Aidan, Dante, Archie, Daniel** & debutant **Thabang** sealed a 7-5 win vs Amersham!



Beyond the Finish Line – Sporting Achievements

Cross Country Championships



Our athletes showed determination, teamwork & resilience on a tough course against strong competition at Stowe! Personal bests, support for each other & making us proud—what a performance! Huge thanks to our runners for giving it their all! Incredible Team Spirit at the Bucks Schools Cross Country Championships!

Team Dance 2025 – A Show-Stopping 10th Anniversary!



This year's Team Dance competition marked a special 10th anniversary, with students performing movie-themed routines including *Wicked*, *Mamma Mia*, *The Lion King*, and *Barbie*! The costumes, music, and choreography brought each film to life in a truly spectacular way.

Our incredible judges included:

★ Janine – Team Dance creator ★ Amelie – Ex-student ★ Amelia – Current sixth-former

Having been a part of Team Dance from performer to host, I'm proud to see how it continues to foster confidence, creativity, and self-expression.

Well done to all the teams – here's to many more years of Team Dance magic!



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Sixth Form

Sixth Form Taster Day - Thursday

27th February

Thursday 27th February, our year 11 students experienced life as a sixth form student during their Sixth Form Taster Day.

Students wore smart attire and were able to select from a broad subject choice ranging from Business to Beauty and Photography to Psychology.

There really is an option to suit all interests, with subjects taught by experienced specialist teachers. Students benefited from experiencing the pace, style and content covered within a sixth form lesson.

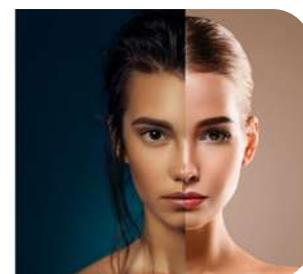
The day was busy and thriving, and feedback has been extremely positive. Students felt the lessons were exciting and gave them a clear insight into Post-16 options, with clear advice and guidance about career opportunities linked to individual subjects.

There was a fantastic buzz around the college and students now have a clear goal or focus on their next steps.



Sixth Form Trips

Some amazing trips have taken place so far this term, including a trip to The Old Bailey to experience a live criminal case for our Law students, a trip to 'Professional Beauty London' the UK's biggest exhibition for beauty and spa professionals for our Beauty Therapy students.



Last but certainly not least, a trip to Pinewood Studios for their Futures Festival 2025 which is Europe's biggest careers event for those looking to start a career in the Film & TV industry.

At the home of super spies, superheroes and galaxies far far away, Pinewood Studios aim to inspire, engage and encourage you to consider careers in the screen industry



The Path Ahead

Employability Skills Day: A Gateway to Future Opportunities

On Tuesday, January 28th, The Chalfonts Community College hosted its 11th annual Employability Skills Day, designed to help students tackle the big question: “What’s next after Year 11?”

The event provided a valuable opportunity for students to explore future career paths and education options. Through a mix of career fairs, interactive workshops, and interview practice, students gained insights, skills, and confidence to make informed decisions about their futures.

A truly inspiring and impactful day, setting students on the path to success!



Feedback: Student feedback highlighted the profound impact of the event:

- It has confirmed to me the areas I am interested in - 50%
- I am now interested in something different to what I was thinking of - 18%
- I heard about a new role that I was not aware of - 38%
- I feel more motivated to achieve what I need in order to get a job I would like - 68%

Employability Skills Day at The Chalfonts Community College stands as a beacon of opportunity, guiding students as they take their first steps toward their professional aspirations. Through the collective efforts of the school, local businesses, and dedicated educators, the event continues to inspire and empower the next generation, year after year.



Careers Fair Success!

Our Careers Fair, featuring over 40 companies, provided students with invaluable insights into diverse career paths.

Employers from various industries ignited curiosity and ambition, broadening students’ perspectives on future opportunities.

We were especially proud to welcome back former CCC students, now thriving at Cliveden, Coca-Cola, Abstract Hairdressing, Arup, and Kwalee—a true inspiration for our current students.

The event was highly motivating, particularly with roles in the Army, Police, Royal Navy, and Submariners, showcasing careers that offer challenge and purpose.

A huge thank you to all businesses and colleges for making this such a memorable and educational experience!



The Path Ahead

The Workshops

Another key part of our Year 11 Employability Skills Day was the workshops. Students had the chance to choose four workshops from a selection of 15:

- Apprenticeships – ASK Apprenticeships
- Army
- Careers in Healthcare Workshop – NHS
- Career Skills Matching Workshop – Buckinghamshire New University
- Careers in STEM Workshop - HS2
- Creative Marketing Workshop – Brixton Finishing School
- Cliveden Beauty
- Construction Workshop - Bucks College Group
- Criminology and Law Workshop - University of Buckingham
- Employability Skills Workshop – Wizeup
- Gaming Workshop – Riot Games
- Hospitality Workshop – IHG
- Motivation Workshop - Mr Modha
- Special Effects and Prosthetics Workshop - Bucks College Group
- Technology Workshop – CGI
- University Workshop – Buckinghamshire New University



With so many fantastic workshops to choose from, students gained valuable insights into exciting future careers. From CV writing, marketing, and STEM to criminology, hospitality, and prosthetics – these workshops offered diverse and inspiring opportunities. The most popular workshop was ‘Careers in STEM’ run by HS2.

The workshops received really positive feedback, here are some quotes from the facilitators running the workshops.



“Always a pleasure to attend the events at Chalfonts community college. It was one of my first ever events when I began my apprenticeship so to attend again now that I look after the SEE function was surreal and a nice throwback to humble and nervous beginnings.”

“A great event. I can’t think of any other school I visit that offers a day like this with the range of careers workshops tailored to student interests.”

“I have no improvements to note, I think it is a wonderfully run event and have never attended an event where the school has been able to run 3 activities beside one another.”



The Path Ahead

The Mock Interview

Recently, The Chalfonts Community College held a remarkable event that offered students a unique opportunity to gain real-world experience and valuable skills. Each student participated in a mock job interview conducted by professionals from outside the school, using generic application forms as a basis for the questions. This exercise aimed to teach students how to market themselves effectively, and the results were impressive.

The students excelled in their interviews, leaving with a newfound sense of confidence and accomplishment. The feedback from the interviewers was overwhelmingly positive, highlighting the students' exceptional behavior, politeness, and engagement in the activities. One interviewer remarked, **"The students looked so smart I was impressed that most had an idea of what they wanted to do after GCSE's."**

The event showcased the school's dedication to providing tailored career workshops that cater to students' interests. The ability to run three activities simultaneously is a testament to the excellent planning and execution by the organizers. An attendee noted, **"The students were very talkative at the interviews and filled with confidence."**

Another interviewer shared, **"This was the best year of interviews I have ever done. Most students had a plan of what they wanted to do next which is brilliant."**

The success of this event is a shining example of the impact such opportunities can have on students' development and confidence. It's clear that the hard work and dedication of everyone involved paid off, creating an experience that will be remembered fondly by all participants.

Additional Highlights:

- **Professional Insights:** External professionals provided invaluable feedback and guidance.
- **Student Growth:** Students walked away with a better understanding of how to present themselves in job interviews.
- **Seamless Execution:** The smooth running of multiple activities demonstrated exceptional organizational skills.
- **Positive Feedback:** Interviewers praised the students' behavior and engagement.

Overall, the mock interview event was a phenomenal success, leaving a lasting impact on students and interviewers alike.



The Path Ahead

Chalfonts Success Story

Rosalind Nicholson

What is your current role and who do you work for now?

I'm a beauty therapist and I now work for myself after working in a spa for many years. I arrange treatments from Massages, facials, laser hair removal and waxing. I worked at Stoke Park for 15 years and occasionally worked at Monkey Island. Now I work for **Pretty Perfect** in Iver.

What did you study at The Chalfonts Community College and which years were you a student here?:

For my GCSEs, I studied double science, Drama and RE and then I stayed on to do RE, Drama and Design Technology for A-level. My years at The Chalfonts were from 1998 to 2004 - Which seems a lifetime ago!



What tips would you give to students about their future careers?

Don't go to University unless you need it to be a doctor, dentist or vet... Personally I recommend all that you go to college to learn a trade so that you can learn on the job and get paid at the same time. University isn't the be all and end all.

What inspired you about doing this role? When did you decide to take this career?

I kind of fell into going into college to do beauty as I didn't do very well on my A-levels and it was either that or join the Navy. I didn't know what to do and my mum's friends suggested I go. However it ended up being one of the best decisions I ever made. Don't be fooled though, it's hard work.

Mr Modha's Motivation Page

The Power of Positivity: A Game Changer for Success
Following this term's assembly on The Power of Positivity, remember the superpower you have—your positive attitude!

Positivity isn't about ignoring challenges but choosing to focus on solutions and seeing obstacles as opportunities for growth. It helps us stay motivated, resilient, and confident, even when things don't go as planned. Embrace your positivity—it's a game changer!

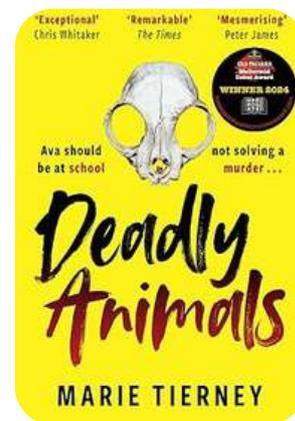
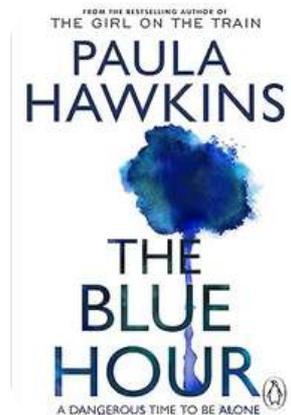
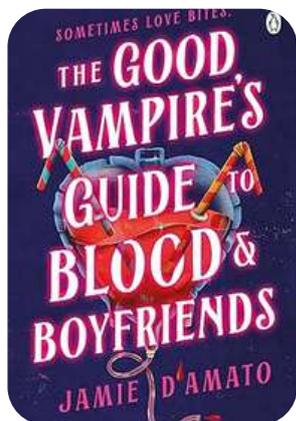
Take control of your mindset and let positivity guide your journey!

How to Develop a Positive Mindset

- Practice what you have rather than what you lack.
- Write down three things you're grateful for every day.
- Reframe Challenges – Instead of saying, "I can't do this," try "I can't do this yet, but I will learn."
- Surround Yourself with Positivity – Spend time with people who uplift and inspire you.
- Use Positive Self-Talk – Replace negative thoughts with empowering ones, like "I am capable" or "I can improve with effort."
- Celebrate Small Wins – Every step forward is progress. Recognize and appreciate your achievements, no matter how small.



All About Books



Student Recommendations

Girl, Goddess, Queen by Bea Fitzgerald

Persephone isn't the pawn the gods claimed she was. Instead of being kidnapped by Hades, she jumped into the Underworld to escape an arranged marriage. Now, she must convince Hades, the arrogant ruler of the Underworld, to go along with her plan—one that will shake Mount Olympus to its core. But defying the gods comes with deadly consequences.

The Good Vampire's Guide To Blood And Boyfriends by Jamie D'Amato

Nineteen-year-old Brennan's life is turned upside down when he discovers he's a vampire.

Trying to keep it a secret, things get complicated when cute librarian Cole catches him drinking blood. To Brennan's surprise, Cole not only keeps the secret but may even like him.

As Brennan navigates love and his new life as a vampire, rumors of missing students and blood-sucking attacks threaten everything. Brennan must uncover the truth before it's too late. The stakes have never been higher.

Parents/Staff Recommendations

The Blue Hour by Paula Hawkins

Welcome to Eris, a remote island off the Scottish coast with only one house, one inhabitant, and one way out—accessible only for twelve hours each day.

Once home to the famous artist Vanessa, whose husband disappeared years ago, it is now inhabited by Grace, a solitary woman who thrives in isolation. But when a human bone is discovered in one of Vanessa's artworks in London, Grace's quiet life is shattered by an unexpected visitor. As secrets long buried on Eris begin to surface, Grace must confront the island's dark past.

Mystery, isolation, and intrigue unfold in this haunting tale.

Deadly Animals by Marie Tierney

Thirteen-year-old Ava Bonney has an unusual hobby—studying animal decomposition. But when she stumbles upon a body in the woods, her skills catch the attention of Detective Seth Delahaye.

As a baffling murder case unfolds, Ava's resourcefulness makes her an unlikely ally in the hunt for a killer.

A gripping, award-winning crime novel packed with suspense—perfect for fans of dark, twisty mysteries!



A Community Of Care



What is safeguarding?

Safeguarding is a term used to denote measures to protect individuals' health, wellbeing and human rights, which allow people - especially children, young people and vulnerable adults - to live free from abuse, harm and neglect.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, and all staff here at The Chalfonts Community College take it very seriously. We also have specific roles that are dedicated to safeguarding.

We're Ahead Of The Curve

Latest research has highlighted the disruption that phones are causing in schools <https://www.thetimes.com/life-style/parenting/article/parents-want-phone-ban-in-schools-to-improve-classroom-behaviour-hjdsmhxn>. Parents are overwhelmingly in support of phones being banned from school. Fortunately we are ahead of the curve and allow students to keep their phones on them in their pouches as a middle ground. We want to go further and want students to reduce their screen time. We would love for parents to look into the minimalist phone app too .



We're proud to be working with Kooth, a fantastic external agency that has delivered mental health and wellbeing assemblies in nearly every high school, college, and university across SWL and Bucks. Recognising the growing need for parental support, Kooth has created a special session just for parents and carers, offering valuable insights and resources.

You can access the session here: [Kooth Parent Session](#).

Parking Safely

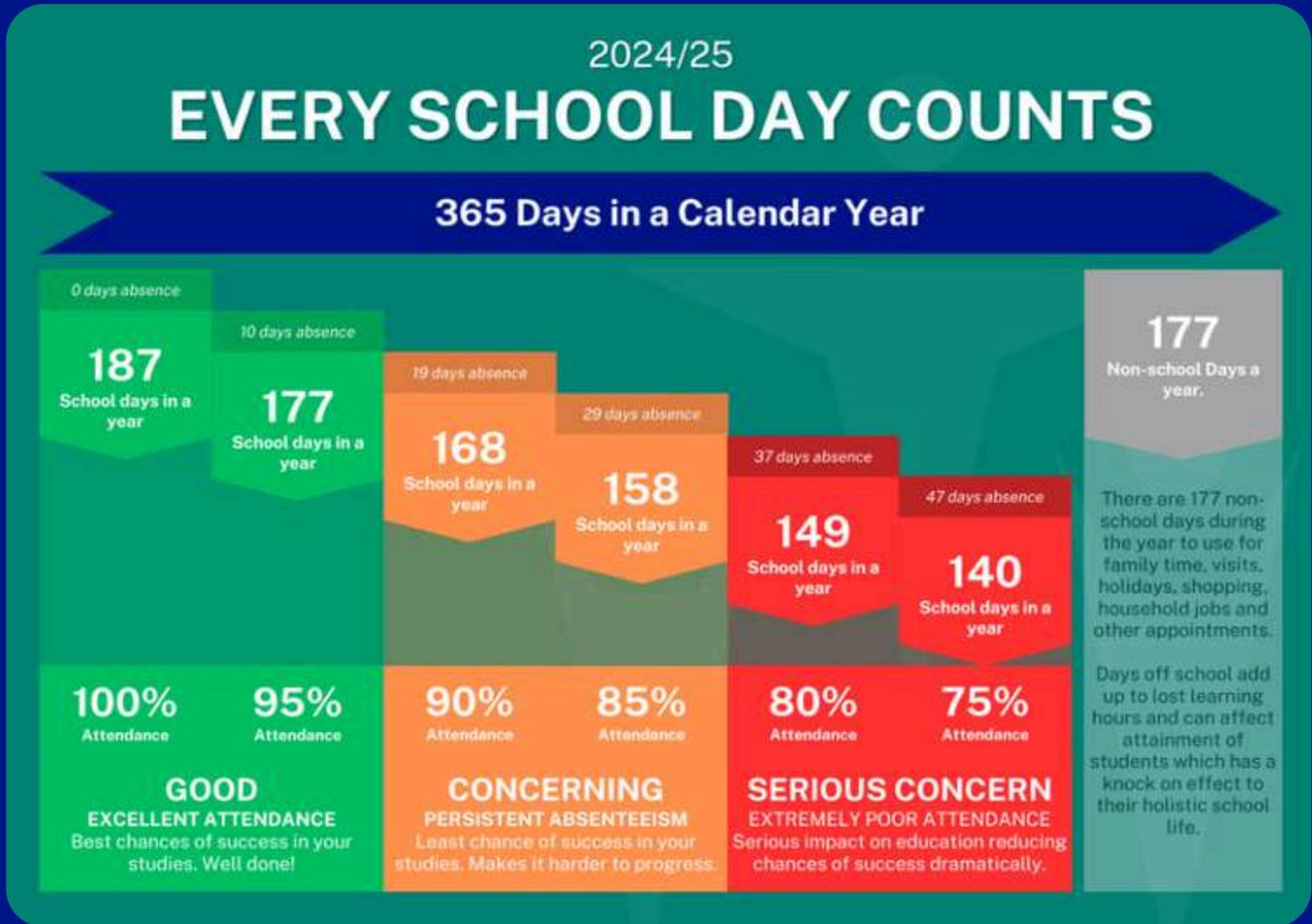
We request that you do not drive into the car park at the front of the school to drop your child off before 9am or to pick them up at the end of the school day. This is for the safety of students.

We know that there is less than adequate car parking around the school, and I would like to thank parents for arranging to drop off and collect their children further from the school to maintain the safety of all. We have unfortunately experienced problems and safety risks at the front of the school due to incidents where parents have not done this. This car park is reserved solely for staff and visitors with appointments and must not be used for drop off and pick up. We appreciate your cooperation with this.



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Attendance



Reporting Student Absence

Please notify the Attendance Team of an absence by 8.45 a.m. in the following ways:

By Telephone: 01753 882032 - option 1

By Email: attendanacemanagers@chalfonts.org

Via the Parent Arbor App

Please clearly notify us of your child's name, form and reason for absence

Further information can be found on the school website

<https://www.chalfonts.org/about-us/attendance>



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Home-School Communication Expectations

Effective communication between home and school is key to supporting student success.

We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring clear, respectful, and productive communication.

- **Response Times:** We aim to respond to calls and emails within 48 hours (excluding weekends and holidays).
- **Appointments:** Staff are unavailable for drop-ins. Please book an appointment via phone or email if you need to meet with a member of staff.
- **Concerns:** If you have concerns about school communication, please contact Miss Shaw, the Principal's Assistant.
- **Respectful Communication:** We expect all interactions to reflect our school value of courtesy. Abusive, threatening, or discriminatory messages will not receive a response and may be escalated to senior leadership.

Thank you for working with us to create a positive and supportive school environment!

Key Dates

Tuesday, 18 March - 1.30pm Finish
Friday, 04 April - Last day of Term - 12:35pm Finish
Tuesday, 22 April - Return to school
Monday, 05 May – Bank Holiday
Friday, 23 May - Students break up
Monday, 02 June – Return to school
Tuesday, 22 July – Last day of term - 12:35pm Finish

