

The Chalfonts Chronicle

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A Spring in our step and eyes on the Summer Term

The spring sunshine recently has been a truly welcome sight. This is our third week into the summer term and it has been wonderful to see the school buzzing with energy with a successful launch into the summer term. The school is alive with the sounds of learning, and it feels like we've hit the ground running with renewed focus and enthusiasm.

A particular highlight was seeing Year 10 students as they took their seats in the hall and the gym for their recent exams. This experience provides an invaluable first full taste of the examination setting they will become more familiar with in Year 11. I commend them for their mature and diligent approach.

Meanwhile, our Year 11 and Year 13 students continue to demonstrate incredible dedication and hard work as they start their final examinations. Their commitment is truly inspiring, and we are all here to support them every step of the way.

It was a joy to celebrate with our wonderful Year 11 students on the field this week for a special picnic, marking the end of their formal lessons and the beginning of their study leave. As they embark on this crucial period we want them to know how incredibly proud we are of their hard work and dedication. We wish them the very best in their exams and eagerly anticipate celebrating their achievements further at the leavers' assembly and prom in June.



Looking back over the Easter holiday, I must also reflect on the incredibly successful sports tour to Spain. It was a fantastic experience for our students, filled with sporting achievements, cultural immersion, and memories that will last a lifetime. My sincere congratulations to all the students who participated and the staff who accompanied them.

Finally, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to the many dedicated teachers who generously gave up their time during the Easter break to run vital revision sessions for our students. Your commitment to their success is deeply appreciated and makes a significant difference.

As we enjoy the longer days and brighter evenings of the summer term, let's continue to work together and strive for excellence in all that we do. I look forward to a productive and rewarding term ahead.

Warm regards

Mrs C Whitehead
Principal



Centre Stage – Theatre & Art



Introducing A Year 7 Theatre Star Alfie Takes the Stage in *Annie Jr.* with British Theatre Academy

We're excited to share that Alfie (Year 7) has been cast in the British Theatre Academy's production of *Annie Jr.* at Camberley Theatre!

After a successful audition earlier this year, Alfie was offered three roles: Bundles the laundry man, Drake the loyal servant, and a cheeky cameo as Charlie, the boy who swipes Annie's apple.

"I was the happiest bunny ever," Alfie said of the moment he got the news. **"But I was also really scared—it's such a big deal!"**

This marks Alfie's first major stage performance, and he'll be performing to an audience of over 400. Even better—it lands on his dad's birthday, making it extra special.

With roles already lined up in *Matilda*, *Pippin*, *Oliver*, *Shrek*, *Cats*, and more, Alfie's just getting started. We're so proud of his talent and drive—bravo, Alfie!

Masterclass Magic with Artist Charlotte Cooper



Our **Sixth Form Art** and **Photography** students recently took part in an inspiring masterclass led by renowned contemporary artist and printmaker **Charlotte Cooper**.

Charlotte shared her unique mixed media printmaking techniques, blending photography with traditional mono printing. Year 12 and 13 students were guided in creating bold, original work linked to their exam and coursework themes.

The session was hands-on, creative, and full of energy—resulting in some outstanding, professional-level pieces. Keep an eye out for these impressive works at our end-of-year art show in June!



Centre Stage – Music

The Chalfonts Community College Choir plans to rock Audley Chalfont Dene

A Musical Surprise in the Making!



The CCC Choir is hard at work preparing for a very special performance at **Audley Chalfont Dene** on Monday 12th May—and we’re keeping a little surprise up our sleeves!

Residents are expecting a few solo performances, a friendly chat, and lunch with our wonderful students. What they don’t know is that the choir is secretly planning a full one-hour concert, kicking off with an unexpected flash mob performance of “**Somewhere Only We Know**”!

The choir has been rehearsing with passion and energy, and while there’s still work to be done, they’re sounding fantastic. It’s set to be a heart-warming and memorable afternoon—and we hope to capture it all on video to share with the wider school community.

Wish our talented singers luck as they bring joy, music, and a few surprises to Audley!



Summer Concert Spectacular – Save the Date! 🎵

The Music Department is busy preparing for an exciting Summer Concert on **Wednesday, 9th July at 7:00 PM**, promising an unforgettable evening of live performances!

The concert will showcase incredible talent from across all year groups, featuring the choir, bands, solo performances, and smaller ensemble groups.

We’d love to see a great turnout from staff, students, families, and the wider community—your support means the world to our young musicians!

Refreshments will be available, so come along, relax, and enjoy an evening of outstanding music.



Join Our Choir

Rehearsals take place every Monday and Tuesday 8.40am - 9.05am

In The Rivers Suite, adjacent to the LRC



The Classroom Champions



Outstanding Success in the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge



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Last month, students from Years 9, 10 and 11 took part in the prestigious **2025 UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge**—a demanding national competition where only the top performers receive certificates.

We're proud to announce that three of our students—**Oscar S, Jaskeerat N** and **Saatchi S**—not only earned Gold certificates but also qualified for the elite follow-on rounds: the Grey and Pink Kangaroo. These invitation-only rounds are significantly tougher, yet all three achieved **Gold** again!

A special congratulations to **Jaskeerat**, who scored a remarkable 135 out of 135— a perfect score!

Well done to all our students for their hard work and exceptional results.

To learn more about the Maths Challenge, visit UKMT or contact Mr Vahora at ivahora@chalfonts.org.



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Beyond the Finish Line – Sporting Achievements



Marbella Sports Tour: A Week to Remember

Students recently returned from an unforgettable sports tour to Marbella, packed with training, competition, and exciting activities that built both skills and team spirit.

The week included:

High-intensity training sessions to improve fitness and technique

Competitive football and netball matches against local teams

A visit to the stunning Bioparc Zoo

Thrilling go-karting for some fast-paced fun

And, most importantly, plenty of team bonding, laughter, and lasting memories

A heartfelt thank you to the dedicated staff who organised and supported this enriching experience.

It was a fantastic opportunity for our students to challenge themselves, grow, and enjoy sport in a whole new setting.



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Spotlight on Dejon – A Future Rugby Star

As Year 11 prepares to begin their GCSEs and say farewell to CCC, we would like to shine a spotlight on one exceptional student – **Dejon S** – for his remarkable achievements beyond the classroom.

For the past three years, **Dejon** has been part of the **Saracens Development Player Programme** and the **Player Development Group**. This year, he played for the Saracens U16s team, helping them remain undefeated against top Premiership rivals including Northampton Saints and Sale Sharks—scoring multiple tries along the way.

Dejon's rugby journey continues as he moves into the Saracens Academy, and we couldn't be prouder. He's definitely one to watch, and we wish him every success in his future sporting career!



Renee Shines on the World Cheerleading Stage

As Year 11 prepares for GCSEs, we're celebrating another standout student – **Renee R**, who has balanced her schoolwork with an incredible commitment to competitive cheerleading for over 10 years.

Training five hours a week with **Unity Allstars' Diamond** team, **Renee** has taken her passion to the global stage, competing at the **World Cheerleading Championships** in the US for the past two years.

This year, Renee and her team delivered a flawless routine—known as a “zero” (no falls or deductions)—earning them a place in the top 6 teams worldwide. In the final, they raised the bar even further, finishing 5th overall, competing against elite teams from the US and Canada.

An amazing achievement—well done, **Renee!**

Success on the National Judo Stage

On Sunday 4th May, two of our students, **Daniel D-B** and **Alex S**, competed at the British Judo Council National Championships, in highly competitive categories.

Both gave strong performances—**Alex** narrowly missed progressing to the second round, while **Daniel** advanced to the third round and proudly brought home a **bronze** medal. Their coach praised their dedication and is confident both will continue to grow and achieve even greater success in the year ahead. Well done, **Daniel** and **Alex!**



The Path Ahead

Chalfonts Success Story

Hayley Hansford

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

I currently work as an Emergency Medical Technician for Hato Hone St John Ambulance Service in New Zealand. I have completed my paramedic degree and waiting for a paramedic position to become available.

When were you a student at The Chalfonts Community College?

I studied geography, PE, double science and Food tech, as elective GCSEs, I didn't do A levels at The CCC in 1995-1999.

Tell us a bit about your job

I work in the emergency ambulance service in Canterbury, New Zealand. I get to help people when they need it, help people through the worst day of their life, pick up the pieces from traumatic events, hold the hands of patients and loved ones possibly receiving the worst news they have ever heard. I work with an amazing crew. I love how my office window changes every day and no two days are the same.

What inspired you about doing this role?

The wide range of skills I have learnt is something I thought I would never do. I have always enjoyed helping people and this job allows me to do that.

When did you decide to take this career?

Not until my 30s. After having children I thought I wanted to become a midwife. I was lucky to volunteer on a maternity ward and found that though I loved it I couldn't see myself doing it for my career. During this time I also volunteered with St John in the UK and found that I really enjoyed the content and wide range of opportunities.



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

I didn't know what I wanted to do with my life when I left school and that's ok.

I am now a registered paramedic in New Zealand and LOVE my job.

There is so much pressure to know what you want to do to when you're at school, but it's ok to not know.

Follow your dreams and aim high!



Personal Development

Duke Of Edinburgh Awards 2025

Our Year 9 students had a brilliant day training for their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award! They built skills, confidence, and teamwork – ready for the real thing. Fingers crossed for great weather!



Tanzania Awaits

Huge thanks to **True Adventure UK** for working with our lucky students heading to Tanzania! They learned how to pitch tents like pros—judged closely by our Team Leaders on which looked safest to sleep in! An amazing adventure awaits!

Year 11 Geographers Explore Wembley Stadium

Our Year 11 Geography students recently enjoyed another fantastic field trip—this time to the iconic Wembley Stadium!

With perfect weather and a focus on real-world learning, the day was a brilliant blend of education and inspiration, giving students valuable insights into urban development and regeneration in action.

A great example of geography beyond the classroom!



Year 8 to Champion Local Causes with First Give

We're excited to announce that our **Year 8** students are taking part in an inspiring new project this term in partnership with **First Give**, a charity that empowers young people to make a real difference in their communities.

Through the programme, students will explore social issues, connect with local charities, and develop their own social action projects. The experience will build empathy, teamwork, and communication skills—culminating in a First Give Final, where each class presents their project and competes for a £1,000 grant for their chosen charity.

It's a fantastic opportunity for students to lead positive change—and we can't wait to see what they achieve!

Young Enterprise Finals Day !

We were proud to host the Young Enterprise County Finals, welcoming 13 student-run businesses from schools across the county for an exciting afternoon of innovation and competition.

A huge congratulations to our own team for reaching the finals—a fantastic achievement that reflects their creativity, teamwork, and entrepreneurial spirit.

Well done to all who took part!



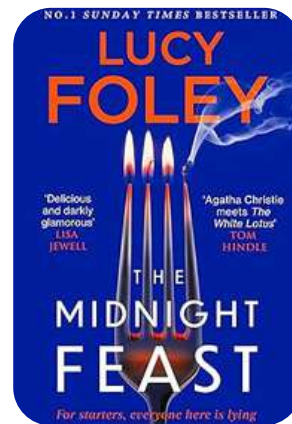
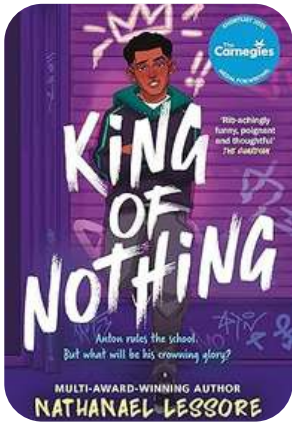
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All About Books



Student Recommendations

King Of Nothing by Nathanael Lessore

Anton and his friends are the kings of Year 9.

Anton and his friends rule Year 9, with Anton at the helm, feared by everyone. But when he lands in serious trouble, his mum forces him to join the Happy Campers, a local group that includes Matthew, the school's least popular kid. Initially reluctant, Anton changes his view after Matthew saves his life. Their unexpected friendship leads Anton to rethink his priorities—should he keep ruling the school or aim for something greater?

Beastly Beauty by Jennifer Donnelly

A revolutionary, gender-swapped retelling of Beauty and the Beast that will forever change how you think about beauty, power, and what it really means to follow your heart.

Sixth Form/Parents/Staff Recommendations

The Midnight Feast by Lucy Foley

For starters, everyone here is lying...

From the No.1 bestseller comes a delicious new murder mystery thriller – perfect if you're craving more of The White Lotus

In the shadow of an ancient wood, guests gather for the opening weekend of The Manor hotel – and a sumptuous summer feast.

But as the candles are lit, tensions spark. Old animosities reignite.

This isn't a celebration, but a deadly reunion.

And time someone got their just deserts...

One Perfect Couple by Ruth Ware

Five couples. One game. Only one will survive.

Lyla reluctantly joins her boyfriend Nico on a desert island reality show, "One Perfect Couple," hoping it will launch his acting career. The rules: ten strangers must outlast each other for the ultimate prize. But when a tropical storm isolates them, the game turns deadly. As supplies dwindle and tensions rise, Lyla discovers someone is playing to win at all costs. Who will make it out alive?



A Community Of Care

Parent resources inspired by Netflix's *Adolescence*

As you may already be aware, the Netflix series *Adolescence* has been widely discussed over the last few weeks. The show provides a powerful, and at times difficult, look at the digital pressures young people face online and the role parents have to play in their digital wellbeing.

Free Parent Resources - packed with practical advice, conversation starters, and useful insights to help parents navigate the various challenges the series brings to light.

From setting boundaries around screen time to processing upsetting online content, the resources are designed to give parents the tools and knowledge to take the next steps in supporting their child's digital wellbeing.

If you would like more information about the issues raised in *Adolescence*, please visit:

<https://smoothwall.com/adolescence>

School Fund Raising



Easter Cake Sale for the LRC

Thank you so much for your continued support for our library renovation fund. On the 3rd April we raised over **£400**.

A special Thank you to **Mrs Kempster** for her gorgeous hand-made cupcakes from *Kempster Cakes* which were very kindly donated to us.

Our next cake sale is on **Friday 23rd May** - don't miss out, buy your ticket on ParentPay.



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