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Celebrating Success and Welcoming a Well Earned Break

As we approach the Half Term break, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what has been another busy and productive few weeks in school.

Firstly, I would like to commend our Year 11 students, who have made an excellent start to their GCSE examinations. Their positive attitude, maturity, and punctuality have been impressive – even in the face of unexpected challenges such as public transport delays and roadworks beyond our control. I encourage all students to continue their focused efforts over the break, and to remember that our teachers remain available should they need support or guidance.

Our Year 13 students have also begun their A-Level examinations with great commitment and determination. It is always inspiring to see our senior students approaching this important period with such dedication to their future goals.

A special congratulations must go to our school choir and band, who recently gave a truly memorable performance at Audley Chalfont Dene. After many hours of rehearsal, their hard work paid off with a performance that was described by the audience as both moving and unforgettable. The students also had the opportunity to enjoy lunch and conversation with the residents, who were full of praise – not only for the musical talent on display, but also for the students' good manners and engaging company. We are delighted to have been invited back.



I am currently away with a group of our Year 10 students who were selected to take part in a unique trip to Brazil. It's proving to be a truly enriching experience – from amazing views from the top of Sugarloaf Mountain, canoeing through local landscapes, participating in various sporting activities to exploring markets and immersing ourselves in Brazilian culture. Visits to Rio de Janeiro University, the Olympic Park for gymnastics to games on the Copacabana Beach - the list is endless. While it's certainly a little exhausting at times, it's already clear this will be a memorable and inspiring adventure for everyone involved. I hope you've enjoyed the photos we've shared so far – I look forward to sharing more highlights once we're back.

Wishing all our students, staff, and families a happy, restful, and well-deserved Half Term break.

Warm regards

Mrs C Whitehead
Principal



Milestone Moments

A Sweet Send-Off for Year 11!

What better way to mark the end of lessons and the beginning of GCSEs than with a celebration in the sunshine? Our Year 11 students enjoyed a truly memorable afternoon tea on the school field, making the most of their last official day before exams began.

With blue skies overhead and the warm spring sun on our side, students relaxed with friends, shared memories, and took plenty of photos to mark the occasion.

A heartfelt thank you goes to our incredible teaching team for organising such a thoughtful and joyful event – especially to Ms Francis-Smith, who went above and beyond by baking and preparing over 200 scones, sandwiches, and cupcakes for everyone to enjoy!

We'd also like to extend our sincere thanks to the generous parents who donated drinks, crisps, cakes, and chocolate—ensuring the whole event was well-stocked and extra sweet.

There was laughter, reminiscing, and plenty of smiles—a perfect pause before the hard work of exams began. Well done, Year 11, and best of luck in your GCSEs. We're all rooting for you!



Centre Stage – Music

Chalfont Dene Concert: A Performance to Remember

Our school choir and band recently performed at Audley Chalfont Dene, delivering a fantastic afternoon of music that included group pieces, solos, and even a surprise flash mob. The students truly impressed the audience with their talent, confidence, and enthusiasm.

The owners described the performance as moving and memorable, and many commented on how much they enjoyed chatting with the students over lunch. We were especially proud to hear praise not only for the music, but also for the students' excellent manners and engaging conversation.

We're delighted to have already been invited back – a wonderful reflection of our students' impact on the day. Well done to everyone involved!



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.



Beyond the Finish Line – Sporting Achievements



Exciting News: James to Represent Team GB!

We're proud to share that **James** has been selected to represent Team GB at the World Powerlifting Championships in Costa Rica this August!

As an under-18 athlete, **James** will be travelling with his dad – but with no current sponsorship or funding available, they're covering all travel expenses themselves. To help make this incredible opportunity possible, James has set up a GoFundMe page for donations.

If you'd like to support **James** on his journey to the world stage, you can donate clicking here [GoFundMe link here](#)

Let's help James lift for Great Britain!



What a day at Hillingdon Stadium!

Frankie absolutely flew in the 100m, **Chloe** held her own brilliantly in the 800m against older students, and **Lola** stormed the 200m. **Darcey** and **Ozcar** both ran their hearts out, and the relay teams were nothing short of amazing. We're so proud of every single student—such fantastic team spirit and effort all round!

Dodgeball Tournament

Well done to our Year 7 and 8 students for showing fantastic teamwork, impressive skills and sheer enthusiasm at the Dodgeball Tournament in Stoke Mandeville! Fantastic energy and sportsmanship - you made us proud!



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Beyond the Finish Line – Sporting Achievements



U13 Girls Battle Hard in Narrow Defeat to Abbots Hill

What a game from our U13 girls today, who put in a fantastic team effort in a tough 2-1 loss against Abbots Hill. Despite the scoreline, the girls fought with heart and determination until the final whistle.

It was a closely contested match, with both teams showing real quality. Our players stayed focused and determined throughout, creating chances and defending bravely.

A special shout-out to Bonny for her standout performance, earning a well-deserved Player of the Match award. Her energy and composure made a real difference on the pitch.

We're so proud of every single player – your effort, teamwork, and spirit were outstanding. Well done, team!

Gerrards Cross Squash Club: Join Us This Summer!

Gerrards Cross Squash Club is delighted to share our Summer term programme with families from Chalfont Community College. We welcome children aged 5 to 18, grouping players by age to ensure enjoyable and age-appropriate coaching.

Our sessions take place every Friday and Sunday, led by two England Squash-qualified coaches who tailor their sessions to suit all skill levels—from beginners to budding pros!

We're also offering a FREE trial session on 27th May (details coming soon)—a perfect chance to try squash in a friendly, supportive setting.

Interested? We'd love to hear from you. Come along and discover the fun and fast-paced world of squash!



The Path Ahead

Chalfonts Success Story

Bryony Twytle - Actress

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

I am about to play Audeja in the Globe's production of 'Rough Magic' at the Sam Wanamaker Theatre, it has just been nominated for an Olivier Award and will be showing July and August this Summer!

When were you a student at The Chalfonts Community College?

At Chalfonts I studied, Drama at A-Level and Performing Arts, I also did Business Studies which I wasn't very good at and English Literature!.

Tell us a bit about your job

I play one of Macbeths three witches, it's kind of a reimaged story of these wonderful Weird Sisters and who they were, it's an educational play so perfect for educating kids about Shakespeare as there are references to Hamlet and other Shakespearean stories throughout.

What inspired you about doing this role?

I had auditioned for the theatre company when I had left university before I went to drama school and kept in the contact with the writer of the show. Luckily she had remembered I'd done lots of comedy and fringe theatre and invited me to audition! To be frank the job came along and I jumped at the chance to be involved. When you're an actor there's not a lot of choosing what roles you do it's more the jobs and luck that come your way! I feel very lucky to have been given this opportunity!

When did you decide to take this career?

I have known I have wanted to be actor since I was 6 years old! I always performed as a child and there's nothing I've ever wanted to do more!



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

It's a long haul but stick with it because you will get there in the end! If I could have told my 18 year old self that I'd be attending the Oliviers for a show I was in at the age of 35 I wouldn't believe you so things do come to those who wait and boy have I done a million jobs and still do to get by. It isn't an easy career there's big highs and big lows but when the highs are high it's pretty great!



Growing Minds – Empowering Student Growth

Year 10 Students Soak Up the Sights and Spirit of Rio

Sixteen lucky Year 10 students have embarked on the trip of a lifetime to vibrant Rio de Janeiro, accompanied by Mrs Whitehead, Mr Richards, and Mr Howard. The group is staying at the stunning Mercure Rio de Janeiro Barra da Tijuca, a perfect base for exploring the best the city has to offer.

The itinerary has been packed with unforgettable experiences. Highlights so far include a breathtaking cable car journey up Sugarloaf Mountain, offering panoramic views of the iconic cityscape, and a visit to the prestigious Rio de Janeiro University, where students gained insight into Brazilian education and culture.

Sport has played a key part in the trip, with a behind-the-scenes tour of the Olympic Park – home to the gymnastics venues from the 2016 Games – and an exciting canoeing session in Botafogo Bay, set against the backdrop of Rio's stunning coastline.

There's also been time to relax, with students enjoying Brazil's famous beaches and soaking up the sun and local atmosphere.

This incredible opportunity is not only expanding horizons but also creating memories that will last a lifetime. A huge thank you goes to the staff supporting the group and making this experience possible.



Personal Development

Love Science? Join The Club!

Join Science Oxford this August for Tech, Trees, and Tomorrow – a hands-on holiday club for curious kids aged 7–11! Explore tech projects, climate science, woodland adventures, and creative activities using tools like laser cutters. Enjoy interactive fun in the Exploration Zone, Water Lab, and outdoors.

5–7 Aug or 12–14 Aug

9am–3.30pm | £170 (includes lunch), Optional wrap-around care: 8.30am–4pm

Science Oxford Centre

Or visit for a Family Day, open every Saturday.

Family tickets available May and June.



Many different clubs and activities offered throughout the year for ages 5 -12.

Mr Modha's Motivation



The Secret to Success: Valuing Your Time

Time is something we all get equally – whether we're students, teachers, or world leaders. The difference between success and struggle often comes down to how we use it.

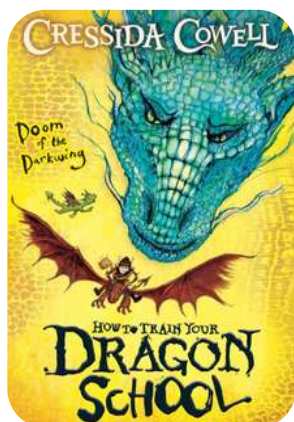
When you value your time, you make better choices: focusing in class, doing your homework on time, reading instead of scrolling, or using spare moments to revise. These small decisions add up and help you become more confident, capable, and successful.

People who manage their time well earn respect, build good habits, and open up more opportunities for themselves.

Remember: your time is your life – use it well, and you'll create a future you're proud of.



All About Books



Student Recommendations

The Boy Who Made The World Disappear by Ben Miller

Harrison tries his best to be good. He doesn't steal, he always shares with his sister and he never cheats at board games, but Harrison also has a BIG flaw . . . He can't control his temper!

So when he's given a black hole instead of a balloon at a party, Harrison jumps at the chance to get rid of everything that makes him cross. But when it's not just things he hates that are disappearing into the black hole but things he loves, too, Harrison starts to realize that sometimes you should be careful what you wish for...

How To Train Your Dragon School: Doom of the Darkwing by Cressida Cowell

Welcome to Dragon School – where Viking heroes (sort of) begin!

Join Hiccup, Toothless, and Windwalker at the Isle of Berk, where they're bottom of the class in everything. Disastrous Lesson One: The Art of Battle.

It was meant to be simple—until a sinking ship, stormy seas, and unexpected danger turn it into one of their biggest adventures yet...



Sixth Form/Parents/Staff Recommendations

Iron Flame by Rebecca Yarros

SECRETS. SACRIFICE. SURVIVAL.

Against all odds, Violet Sorrengail made it through her first year at Basgiath War College, but now, the real training begins. The stakes are higher than ever, and a determination to survive won't be enough this time.

When a powerful new enemy threatens everything she cares about, including the man she loves, Violet must do whatever it takes to keep their secrets safe. One wrong move could have horrifying consequences - and as the web of lies spun by those in charge starts to unravel, nothing, not even dragon fire, may be enough to save them in the end.

THE DEADLY SECOND YEAR AT BASGIATH AWAITS

What Alice Forgot by Liane Moriarty

What if you lost ten years of your life?

Alice is 29, engaged, pregnant, and loving life—until she hits her head and wakes up to find she's 39, a mother of three in the middle of a divorce, and estranged from her sister.

This is her life... but she doesn't remember any of it.

Can she undo a decade of mistakes—and rediscover the woman she used to be?



A Community Of Care

Cyber Security

Thames Valley Cyber Protect team are inviting Parents and carers to join engaging and informative Cyber Security training presentations. These sessions will share easy-to-implement tips for parents/carers regarding theirs and their family's online behaviours and internet-enabled device usage.

This session covers key topics, including:

Emails and mobile phones: The art of spotting a scam – lots of hints and tips to share with your children around phishing and other scams.

Social media safety: The risks around social engineering, disinformation, AI, privacy and hacked accounts.

Gaming: Understand what the risks are to young people when gaming, particularly online, and discover ways to monitor and restrict usage.

Password mastery and Two-Factor Authentication (2FA): Helping you and your family to secure your accounts following best practice. [Click here](#) to book

Keep your Community Clean

Local parents have come together to form a community litter-picking group aimed at keeping the area around the our school clean and tidy. Concerned about increasing litter, they began meeting regularly to collect rubbish and promote environmental responsibility. The group welcomes volunteers of all ages and encourages students to take part as a way of supporting their local environment and learning the value of community action.

