

The Chalfonts Chronicle

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Another Busy few weeks!

It's hard to believe just how much has been packed into the past few weeks. The school has been buzzing with activity—from enriching trips to meaningful community projects, and impressive performances to heartfelt celebrations.

Year 10 students recently stepped back in time at Battle Abbey, bringing history to life through exciting reenactments, while Year 9 enjoyed an inspiring visit to Buckinghamshire New University, sparking thoughts about their future pathways and ambitions.

I have been deeply impressed by the enthusiasm and commitment shown by Year 8 students throughout their involvement with the First Give programme. This was our first time taking part, and it has been a remarkable journey—students showed empathy, teamwork, and leadership while working with local charities, culminating in a fantastic final presentation. The winning team's charity, Forever Colours Children's Hospice, was awarded a £1000 grant from First Give, and the joy on the students' faces as they delivered the news was a moment to remember.

Our Music Department has also had a fantastic term with growing numbers in our choir and band. Performances at Robertswood School and Chalfont St Peter Feast Day truly showcased our students' talent. One spectator summed it up perfectly: "These A1 youngsters both thoroughly deserved their debut successes and have an exciting future ahead."



We have also had a wonderful time with Year 11 students, celebrating their time since Year 7 with us through a joyful assembly, full of memories, laughter, and tradition—including the all-important shirt signing. Their Prom at Amersham Cricket Club was the perfect ending to the day, made even more special by glorious sunshine and beautiful surroundings.

Looking ahead, we're set for a lively end to the term with Sports Days, Enrichment Week, and Work Experience opportunities. And finally, we send our best wishes to the group of 15 students heading off on the trip of a lifetime to Zanzibar—we look forward to hearing all about the community work they are set to undertake and seeing their photos!

Warm regards
Mrs C Whitehead
Principal



Your Journey Begins Here

Year 6 Transition Day – A Warm Welcome to Our Future Stars!

What a fantastic day we've had welcoming our wonderful new Year 6 pupils! Transition Day is always a special occasion, and today was no different. From the moment the children walked through the gates there was a real buzz of excitement in the air.

The day was packed with activities designed to help everyone feel at home – from classroom games to mini lessons and tours of the school.

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us in the evening for our welcome event. It was lovely to see so many of you chatting with staff, exploring the classrooms, and getting a taste of what life at our school is all about.

And of course – a big round of applause for our fabulous PTA, who kept everyone refreshed with drinks and tasty treats. Your hard work and cheerful smiles never go unnoticed!

We're so excited for September. Year 6, you're going to be amazing!



Year 7s Build A Sustainable City Event



A real highlight of the year—our Build a Sustainable City Day! Students worked in teams, tackled Lego challenges, earned points, and designed eco-friendly cities with sustainability at the heart. ♻️ Each team then presented their city to a panel, explaining their designs and ecological thinking—what an incredible array of creativity and innovation!



Centre Stage – Music

An Unforgettable Day of Music and Collaboration!

What an incredible week it has been! Just when we thought we couldn't be more proud of our amazing CCC Choir and Band, they truly outdid themselves with an outstanding day of performances and workshops at Robertswood School on Friday 27th June.

A group of 28 CCC students led engaging and inspiring workshops with nearly 100 Year 5 and Year 6 students from Robertswood, working together to learn and perform *How Far I'll Go* and *Reach*. Not only did the students deliver impressive performances at the end of each session, but they also joined forces in a final outdoor performance for the entire school—an uplifting and joyous moment that brought everyone together.

Our CCC students were incredible ambassadors, showcasing leadership, talent, and teamwork. The Robertswood students were an absolute delight to work with—enthusiastic, talented, and full of energy. The atmosphere throughout the day was electric, and the sense of community and shared achievement was truly heartwarming.

We're thrilled to share that plans are already underway for future collaborations in the next academic year. A huge thank you to Robertswood School for welcoming us so warmly—it was an absolute pleasure to be part of such a special day.

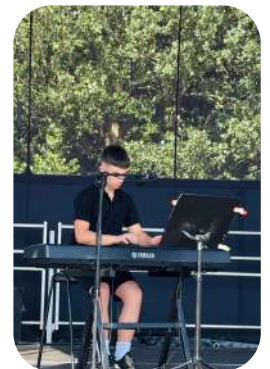


CSP Feast Day 2025 – A Celebration of Talent!

What an incredible day at CSP Feast Day 2025! Twelve of our amazing CCC Choir members took to the stage, proudly representing us with stunning performances of *How Far I'll Go*, *Run*, and *Somewhere Only We Know*. Singing with confidence and heart, they truly shone on a massive stage in front of a huge audience – we couldn't be prouder!

Our set began on a high with beautiful piano solos from *Rio* and *Jaskeerat*, whose captivating performances drew the audience in from the very first notes. Their musicality set the perfect tone for what was a memorable showcase of talent.

At Chalfonts, we've always known how musically gifted our students are – and it's fantastic to see the wider community getting a chance to witness their talent firsthand. A huge well done to all involved!





The Chalfonts Community College

Success is an Attitude!

Summer Concert

**The CCC Choir and Band | Rock and Pop Bands |
Solos | Jazz Band |**

**Wednesday
9th July**

**FREE
ENTRY**

**7-9pm
Main Hall**

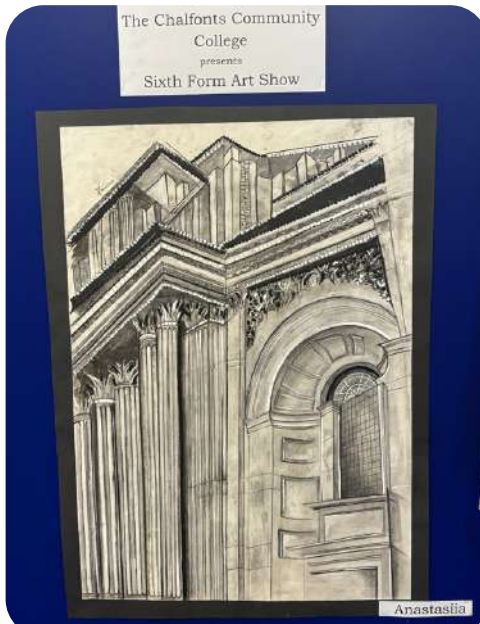
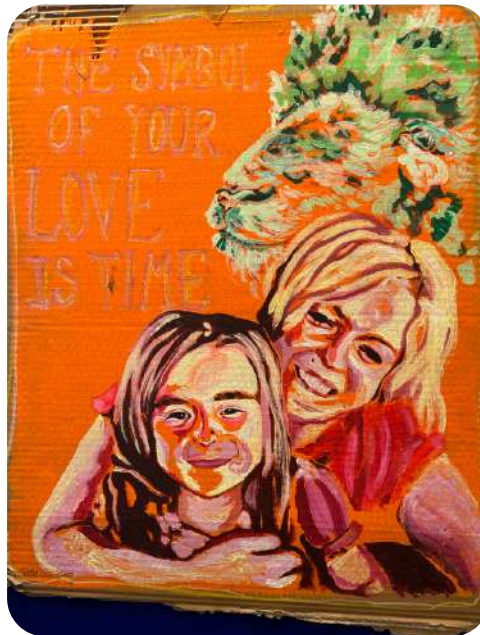
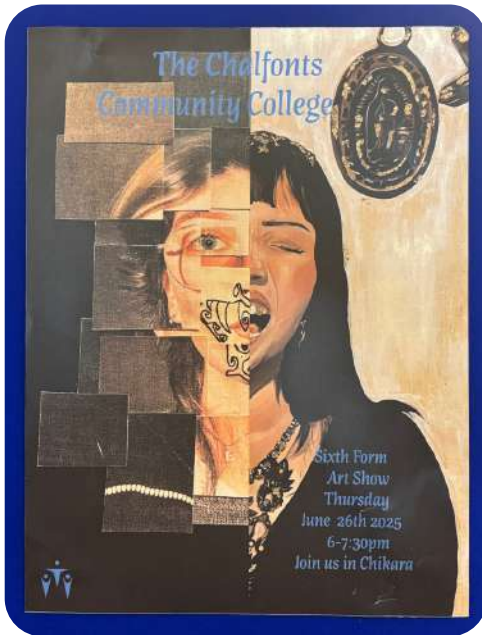
Donations to the development of the music department facilities and equipment
via our [Just Giving Page](#)

PTA will be selling refreshments on the night

Centre Stage – Art

Sixth Form Art Show

What a fantastic showcase! Our talented artists and photographers truly shone, and we were thrilled to welcome so many visitors to view their incredible work. A huge congratulations to Year 13 for two years of dedication and hard work. We're immensely proud of each and every one of you and can't wait to see the amazing things you'll achieve!



Art Winners

Raihana from the Chiltern Art Society came and viewed the students' work she awarded, **Zara Abdel-Baari** and **Emma Sene** certificates of recognition for their art, and **Hana Duberley** won £100 prize for demonstrating a wide range of skills in her wonderful Art work.



The Classroom Champions

A Fantastic Term with First Give – Year 8 Students Shine!



What an incredible journey this term has been for our Year 8 students as they took part in the inspiring First Give programme. From the early stages of identifying key issues within our community, to choosing charities they were passionate about, students showed remarkable insight, care, and commitment.

Each group met with their chosen charity, developed creative and impactful fundraising campaigns, and worked together as teams to raise awareness and support. Their hard work culminated in confident, powerful presentations delivered to a panel of judges and their entire year group.

Our students were truly outstanding—demonstrating teamwork, compassion, business-savvy thinking, and unwavering determination. The atmosphere during the final event was electric!

A huge congratulations to our winning team, who raised money for @ForeverColours and were awarded a £1000 donation for their charity. The joy and excitement when they shared the news with the charity was a moment to remember!

A heartfelt thank you to @FirstGive, our brilliant students, dedicated teachers, and all the incredible charities involved. What a memorable experience for all!



The Path Ahead



Inspiring our Year 9 Students

Year 9 students recently took part in an inspirational trip to Bucks New University, giving them a valuable taste of university life. The visit included campus tours, interactive workshops, and talks from current students and staff. It helped students understand the wide range of courses available and how university can support future careers. The experience also boosted their confidence, aspirations, and motivation to work hard in school. Exposure to a university environment at this stage helps young people see higher education as an achievable goal, encouraging them to make informed choices about their future pathways.

Year 9 Learn About Apprenticeships

We were pleased to welcome Mr Evans from Bucks Skills Hub, who delivered an informative assembly to our Year 9 students on the benefits of apprenticeships. The session highlighted the opportunity to earn while learning, gain real-world experience, and build strong career prospects. Students also learned about the wide range of industries offering apprenticeships, how to apply, and the key employability skills that make a difference. It was a valuable introduction to an exciting alternative to traditional academic routes.

Work Experience Assembly for Year 10

This week, our Careers Leader delivered an engaging assembly to get students ready for their upcoming work experience placements.

Work experience is a vital step in preparing for the world of work—offering real insight into industries, building confidence, and developing key skills like communication, teamwork, and time management.

It's also a chance to grow soft skills such as problem-solving and professionalism. We encourage all students to approach their placement with curiosity, enthusiasm, and a willingness to learn—it's a valuable opportunity to shine!



The Path Ahead

Chalfonts Success Story

Liam Bampton

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

I am currently Head of a school at a SEMH (Social, Emotional, Mental Health) Specialist Provision for Outcomes First Group.

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

Back in September 2000, I joined The Chalfonts after not getting into my first-choice secondary school – and it turned out to be one of the best things that ever happened to me. My time at The Chalfonts truly shaped who I am today. I studied Drama, History, and German at GCSE, and later went on to take A-levels in Drama, Performing Arts, and Travel and Tourism, before leaving in the summer of 2007.

Tell us about your role

As Head of School I lead a dedicated team in creating a nurturing, structured environment tailored to the unique needs of our students. My role involves strategic planning, staff development, and ensuring high standards of education and care, while fostering strong relationships with families and external agencies. It's a privilege to support young people in overcoming barriers and unlocking their full potential both academically and personally.

What inspired you about doing this role?

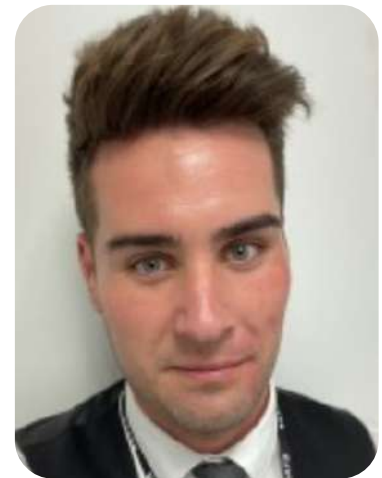
During my time at The Chalfonts, I developed a real passion and enthusiasm for Drama – all thanks to my incredible Drama teachers; their guidance sparked something in me that led me to study Drama at the University of Winchester. Whilst I loved performing, I always knew I wanted to teach. That passion was nurtured by my teacher, who inspired me to use Drama as a tool to help students build confidence, social skills, and emotional intelligence.

My first teaching job was at The Chalfonts, where I had the honour of working alongside the very people who inspired and motivated me to pursue a career in secondary education. To this day, they continue to encourage, support, and guide me in my professional journey.

Now, as I step into a new role as Head of School, I look forward to the challenge of combining my love for Drama and creativity with my experience in educational leadership – continuing to make a difference, just as they did for me.

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

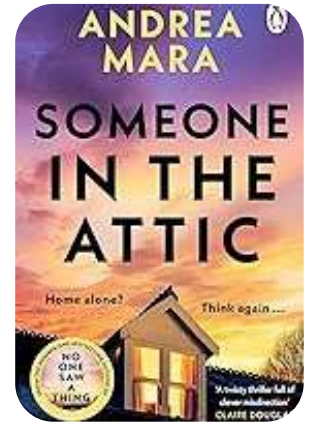
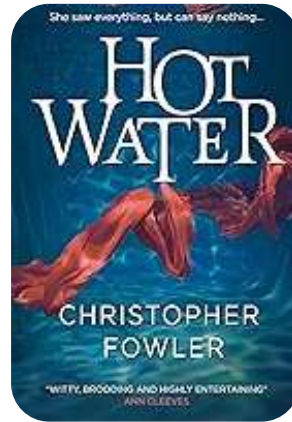
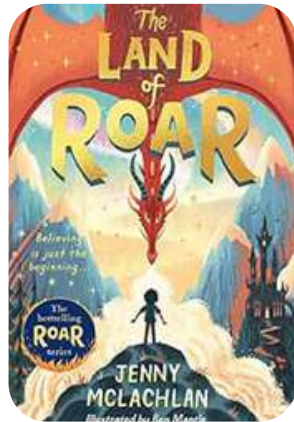
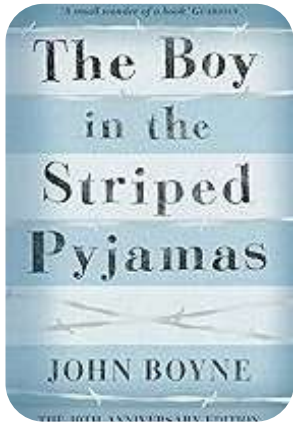
Your path won't always go exactly how you planned – and that's okay. Sometimes, the opportunities that shape your future come from unexpected places. Embrace them. Be open to discovering new passions and let your interests guide you. The relationships you build with teachers and mentors can have a lasting impact, so take the time to learn from those around you. Most importantly, follow what excites and inspires you. Whether it's through creativity, leadership, or helping others, find a career that gives you purpose – and never underestimate the difference you can make.



**Outcomes
First
Group.**



All About Books



Student Recommendations

The Boy In The Striped Pyjamas by John Boyne

*Lines may divide us, but hope can unite us.
Nine-year-old Bruno knows nothing of the Holocaust.*

*All he understands is that he's left his home in Berlin for a lonely, bleak place with no friends.
Then he meets Shmuel—*

A boy on the other side of a wire fence, living a very different life, wearing striped pyjamas.

A forbidden friendship begins...

One that will have devastating consequences.

The Land Of Roar by Jenny McLachlan

Believing is just the beginning...

When Arthur and Rose were little, they discovered the Land of Roar—a magical world hidden through the folding bed in Grandad's attic, filled with dragons, mermaids, ninja wizards... and one terrifying scarecrow.

Now they're eleven, and Roar is just a memory. Until Grandad disappears—vanishing into the bed.

Could Roar be real after all?

*A thrilling fantasy adventure for ages 8–12, perfect for fans of **Nevermoor**, **The Wizards of Once**, and **How to Train Your Dragon**.*

Sixth Form/Parents/Staff Recommendations

Hot Water by Christopher Fowler

She sees everything—but can never tell.

At a luxurious villa near Nice, maid Hannah Carreras is told never to speak to guests. Silent and invisible, she observes it all—especially Summer, the glamorous mistress awaiting her married lover, Steve.

But when Steve arrives with his unsuspecting family, Summer is gone. He swears he never saw her. His wife isn't so sure—someone's bikini is by the pool, someone's perfume lingers in the bathroom.

As the police begin to investigate, secrets start to surface. Only Hannah knows what she saw the day Summer vanished—blood on the patio, shattered glass, and a web of lies.

Someone In The Attic by Andrea Mara

A fresh start. A safe neighbourhood. Or so you thought. You've just moved your family into a luxury gated community. It should be the safest place to live.

But your son says there's a man in the attic.

You hear noises when you're alone—but find nothing.

Then your daughter shows you a video: a man walking through your house while no one's home.

Someone is watching you.

And they might not be a stranger.



End of an Era

Year 11 Leavers Day - The Assembly



What a day it was! Year 11 Leavers' Day arrived with all the energy, excitement, and a little bit of chaos you'd expect from a group who've grown up together—and now are heading off in different directions.

The day kicked off with the much-anticipated Leavers' Assembly, where laughter (and a few tears) echoed through the hall. Teachers shared their favourite stories, and a brilliant video montage rolled out all the unforgettable moments from Year 7 awkwardness to Year 11 legends.

Year 11 Leavers' Day: A Colourful Farewell!



One of the most memorable moments of the Year 11 Leavers' Day was the incredible display of personalised, handmade shirts. Each student arrived in their own unique creation—splashed with paint, glitter, slogans, and memories - then the tradition of shirt signing began - students filled each other's sleeves, collars, and backs with signatures, doodles, and heartfelt messages—a lasting reminder of their time together and the bonds they've built.

Sunshine and Sequins Makes Year 11's Prom Shine!



The Year 11 Prom was a fitting and memorable celebration to mark the end of secondary school. Students arrived looking fantastic in elegant dresses and smart suits, ready to enjoy a special evening with friends.

With music, dancing, and plenty of photos, the night was filled with joy, laughter, and reflection—a perfect way to close this chapter and look ahead to the exciting opportunities to come.



End of an Era



Courteous

Community Minded

Committed

Conscientious