

# *The Chalfonts Chronicle*

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## *Wishing you all a wonderful Summer Break*

As we draw this successful academic year to a close, it gives me great pride to reflect on the many highlights of our final weeks and to celebrate the remarkable dedication, creativity, and determination shown across all areas of school life throughout the whole year.

This half term has been full of enriching experiences. Sports days, trips and activities have continued to enrich our curriculum beyond the classroom. From local outings to international adventures including a life-changing expedition to Tanzania, where Year 11 students have contributed to building water supplies and painting schools. These experiences create lifelong memories and build global awareness.

Our last week of term brought a flurry of enrichment activities. Students enjoyed a wide variety of opportunities, from an activity centre in Devon with Year 7 and cultural visits to France, to skiing, museums, film studios, white-water rafting, culinary workshops, virtual reality, theatre production, escape rooms and team building. There was genuinely something for everyone to enjoy, learn from, and grow with.

I want to acknowledge and appreciate the people who make our school community so strong and vibrant. Firstly my sincere thanks to our dedicated team of teaching and non-teaching staff across all areas of the school. Their commitment to student success and well-being is the heartbeat of our school. In a challenging national context for recruitment, I am pleased to confirm that we are fully staffed for September, with subject specialists ready to deliver a high-quality learning experience.



Secondly to our families, thank you for your partnership, trust, and support. Your involvement plays a vital role in our students' achievements, and we are fortunate to have such a strong and caring school community. We look ahead to welcoming new parents and our new Year 7 students at summer camp and celebrating with our Year 11 and Year 13 students and families on their exam results days.

As we head into the summer holiday, I encourage all of our students to rest, recharge, and stay curious. Read a good book, explore a new hobby, spend time with loved ones, and get ready to return in September inspired and refreshed.

Have a safe and joyful summer. We look forward to seeing you all again for another great year ahead!

Warm Regards  
Mrs C Whitehead  
Principal



# Beyond the Finish Line – Sporting Achievements

## Sports Day Winners!

The year 7, 8, 9 and 10 sports days took place this year in sweltering conditions which tested the commitment and teamwork of all involved! Students took part in benchball (7 only), football-rounders, capture the flag and tug-of-war in tutor teams, before an afternoon of athletics competitions helped decide the winners for each year group. Considering the conditions, each year group showed outstanding levels of effort and ability, which made for three days of entertaining sport and activity. Special mention should go to our 6th form leaders for their invaluable contributions. Thanks to all who took part and congratulations to our overall winners!



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# The Classroom Champions

## Junior Maths Challenge Success



This year's winners are:

**Silver:** Daniel Z (Y7 BiS), Louie A (Y7), Emil R (Y7) and Mark T (Y8 BiY)

**Bronze: Year 7:** Serena A-J, Eshveer R, Mark A, Lily G, Samuel L and Ella S.

**Year 8:** Darcey F, Kyan G, Phelan K, Lexi B, Seerat S, Ruby D, Taylor N, Davyd D, Nimi F, Lewis N, Tia R, Evie F, Parker S and Daniel W.

If you would like to know more about the Maths Challenge, please [click here](#) or email me: [ivahora@chalfonts.org](mailto:ivahora@chalfonts.org)

## Young Chef Competition 2025: A Delicious Success



This year's Young Chef Competition was a true feast for the senses! Students wowed proud families and judges alike with their incredible culinary creations, showcasing talent, creativity, and confidence in the kitchen.

Every participant left a winner, receiving a fantastic goody bag, with additional sectional prizes handed out to some very proud recipients. Huge congratulations to our overall winners: Millie H (KS4) and Mark T (KS3)!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to the amazing prizes and to the dedicated staff who made the event such a success.

*"As I bid farewell to The Chalfonts Community College, this final Young Chef holds a special place in my heart. I leave inspired, and hopeful that one of our young chefs may go on to earn a Michelin star—or perhaps open a restaurant empire of their own!"* Ms Francis-Smith



# Centre Stage – Music

## The Chalfonts Community College Summer Concert 2025 – A Night to Remember!

What an incredible evening of musical talent we had at this year's Summer Concert! From the moment our audience arrived, the atmosphere was buzzing, thanks to the smooth sounds of the CCC Jazz Band, opening with *Strasbourg St. Denis*.

The concert kicked off in spectacular style with a surprise flash mob performance of *Somewhere Only We Know* by the CCC Choir and Band, who appeared amongst the audience, much to everyone's delight!

The evening was packed with show-stopping performances. The Jazz Band wowed the crowd with *Watermelon Man* and *I Got Rhythm*, while amongst the Choir and Band numbers they delivered stunning renditions of *How Far I'll Go* and *Crocodile Rock*. Our Rock and Pop Bands brought the energy with hits like *7 Years*, *Sk8er Boi*, *Wild Thing*, and *Smells Like Teen Spirit*—just to name a few!

We also saw amazing individual talent, with three outstanding piano solos from **Eshveer** (Year 7), **Jaskeerat** (Year 9), and **Rio** (Year 9). Special mention goes to **George** (Year 9), who gave his debut performances on both flute and trumpet—having only started flute lessons last term and trumpet this term. A truly impressive achievement!

With such a wide range of genres on display, there really was something for everyone—a true celebration of the musical diversity and passion at Chalfonts. A huge well done to everyone involved and making this an unforgettable event! 🎵🌟



## Support the Sound of the Future!

We're proud to champion our talented young musicians through the Chalfonts Music Development Fund, raising money for quality instruments, creative spaces, and essential resources.

Every donation counts—because there's only so far a duct-taped bass guitar can go! If music has ever moved you, please consider donating via the link or QR code. Last week's concert showcased the passion and talent we're so lucky to have at Chalfonts.

Thank you to all who attended and to those who've already given so generously.

Let's keep the music alive!



# Personal Development

## Enrichment Week: New Adventures, New Skills, Lifelong Memories

Another fantastic Enrichment Week has come to a close, giving our students a wide range of opportunities to explore new experiences, develop skills, and create lasting memories.

Whether spending a week at a residential activity centre in Devon, enjoying a fun-packed four-day trip to France, or heading into London to explore iconic attractions like the London Dungeon, Natural History Museum, and Science Museum, there was truly something for everyone.

Students pushed their limits with adrenaline-filled activities such as white water rafting, surfing the wave, and skiing, while others embraced the outdoors with golf and fishing, or honed their creativity by learning beauty techniques and culinary skills.

Beyond the fun, Enrichment Week helped students build confidence, strengthen teamwork, and form new friendships. It was a wonderful celebration of learning beyond the classroom—and we're already looking forward to next year!



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## Year 11 Students Embark on Life-Changing Adventure in Tanzania



This summer, a group of our Year 11 students took part in an unforgettable expedition to Tanzania with True Adventure, experiencing a unique blend of community work, cultural immersion, and awe-inspiring natural beauty.

After landing in Dar es Salaam and acclimatising to the tropical climate, the group travelled four hours to their project site, where they worked closely with the local community. There, they helped install running water, transforming daily life for residents, and painted the local nursery, creating a bright, welcoming space for young children. Students embraced the rhythms of village life, spending time with the children and learning from the community's incredible hospitality and spirit.



Their journey continued through the Uluguru Mountains, where they spent two days hiking through remote villages, sourcing local food, and taking in the breathtaking scenery—including spectacular waterfalls. It was a true test of endurance, but one that brought the group closer together and deepened their appreciation for Tanzania's natural beauty.



Next, the group headed to Mikumi National Park for a 24-hour safari adventure, where they had the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see Tanzania's famous wildlife up close—from majestic elephants to elusive oryx. Evenings were spent around the campfire, reflecting on their journey under the stars.



To finish their trip, students took a ferry to Zanzibar, exploring the historic and vibrant streets of Stone Town, before visiting a turtle rehabilitation centre and snorkelling over coral reefs in the crystal-clear Indian Ocean waters.

The expedition was more than just a trip—it was a transformative experience filled with teamwork, challenge, and meaningful connections. Our students returned home with unforgettable memories, new perspectives, and a real sense of global citizenship.



# Sixth Form

## UCAS Parents Evening

In June the parents of Year 12 students came along to hear Mr Way and our guest speaker from Brunel University give talks about the university application process.

As always it was a very informative evening and we look forward to many successful university applications in 2026.



## Looking Ahead Workshop for Year 12

Our Year 12s took part in a 'Looking Ahead' workshop – exploring next steps such as apprenticeships, university, and managing finances. A great chance to plan for the future!

Huge thanks to our guest speakers:

- Ms Royce – LinkedIn tips Degree Apprenticeships and Packtype
- Ms Nash – Summer Prep for Applications
- Josh Penemo - Alumni - Degree Apprenticeship with Cushman & Wakefield
- WizeUp Finance – Life Skills and Finance
- Alexander Ilesanmi – Motivation and Activities



## In the Footsteps of Stanley Spencer

Our Sixth form students enjoyed a visit to the picturesque village of Cookham, nestled along the Thames.

The visit included a fascinating walking tour led by a guide from the Stanley Spencer Gallery, an insightful look around the gallery itself, and a relaxing riverside lunch. Students captured the beauty of the day through sketches and photographs—early inspiration for their upcoming project on Symbolism.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable and enriching day, offering hands-on learning in a truly inspiring setting. We can't wait to share the incredible artwork our students will produce next year!



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# The Path Ahead



## Work Experience Success

Our Year 10 and Year 12 students have recently completed a fantastic week of work experience across a wide range of sectors. From healthcare and engineering to retail and education, students gained real-world insights, developed valuable employability skills, and built confidence for their future career paths.

This experience supports personal growth, builds CVs, and helps students make informed choices about their future pathways.

Well done to all who took part. Thank you to all the employees who offered our students a place including Sky, Coca Cola, Balfour Beatty, Eton College, Bupa, Frost Partnership, Legoland, Esso, Selfridges, Mercedes Benz, and Epilepsy Society, to name a few, as well as to our parents/carers for supporting.

- Mia is working hard at Crumbs learning new skills and enjoying being customer facing and makes a good coffee according to a customer when I was visiting.*
- April and Millie are enjoying Robertswood and working in the classrooms supporting the young students. April has been helping the little ones reading their books daily and helping them write sentences.*
- Ligaya is making gifts at Fired Works and enjoying interacting with customers and is supporting her first workshop tomorrow. Marie the owner was impressed with Ligaya's creative skills making flower designs for pots.*

- Georgia is working hard at Richard Roberts Hairdressing and experiencing all aspects of working in a hairdressers.*
- Sienna and Isabella are really enjoying working at Footsteps Nursery, enjoying the interaction with the children and particularly being asked great questions. Isabella has decided she would like to work with children in the future as it is rewarding and fun. The Manager of the nursery was very impressed with the students' engagement and hard work.*
- Isabell has been an absolute pleasure to have with us. She's always punctual, really engaged, and gets on brilliantly with both staff and customers. She's shown a great attitude and enthusiasm for everything we've asked of her.*



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## Chalfonts Success Story

### From Chalfonts to Chelsea: Harrison Murray-Campbell's Football Journey

Former Chalfonts Community College student Harrison Murray-Campbell is making a name for himself in football as a rising star in Chelsea's Under-19s and England youth teams.

Harrison, born in 2006, began his football journey at Chelsea when he was just six years old. Known at school for his calm personality and strong work ethic, those same qualities now define him on the pitch as a talented central defender.

Now 18, Harrison has captained Chelsea's Under-21 side and made his senior debut for the club in December 2024. He's also represented England at U17, U18, and U19 levels—including appearances in this summer's U19 European Championship in Romania and the U17 World Cup in Indonesia.

Chelsea praise him for his leadership, passing ability, and tactical awareness. Teachers at Chalfonts remember him as polite, focused, and determined—a student who always gave his best.

We're incredibly proud of Harrison's achievements and can't wait to see what the future holds for this talented ex-student.

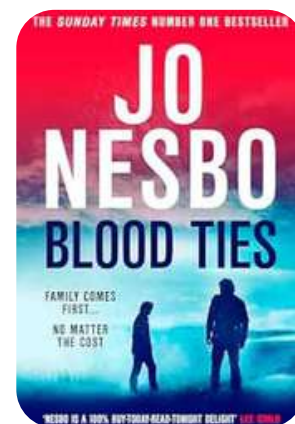
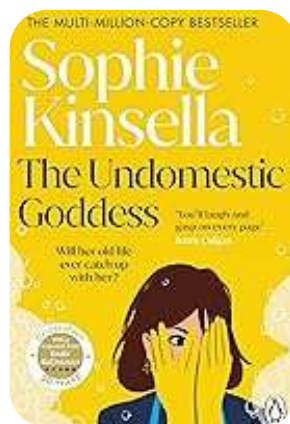
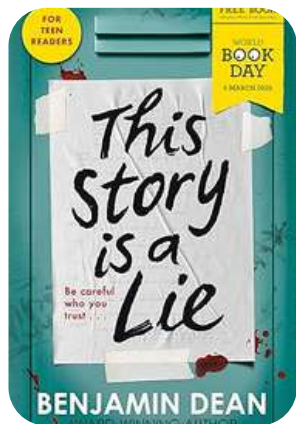
*'I enjoyed my time at the Chalfont's Community College. The school and teachers supported me throughout my time with my sports and just as importantly with my education.'*

*I still see and speak to many people I went to school with and continue to share fond memories.*

*The Chalfont Community College provided me with a positive education and many other personable skills required in football, work and life in general.'*



# All About Books



## Student Recommendations

### This Story Is A Lie by Benjamin Dean

*Keep your friends close... and your enemies closer. When shy teen Harley joins the Rising Stars programme, he's suddenly in the spotlight—and in danger. A chalk outline of his body appears at school. Someone wants him out. For good. A tense teen thriller from Benjamin Dean. Perfect for fans of Holly Jackson.*

### The Secret Of Golden Island by Natasha Farrant

*Skylar's friends avoid her. Yakov's are scattered by war. When they meet, both are longing for change—and find an unexpected spark of friendship. So when a competition offers the chance to win Golden Island, they can't resist. But how can two kids win an island? And what will it cost them?*

## Sixth Form/ Parents / Staff Recommendations

### The Undomestic Goddess by Sophie Kinsella

*Samantha is a high-flying London lawyer—until one mistake ruins everything. Panicked, she flees to the countryside and is mistaken for a housekeeper. Suddenly, she's swapping courtrooms for kitchens—with no clue how to cook or clean. As chaos turns to charm, Samantha starts falling for her new life. But can she keep up the lie? And does she even want her old life back?*

### Blood Lies by Jo Nesbo

*Brothers Carl and Roy rule the small town of Os—through charm, ambition, and murder. Carl runs a luxury hotel, Roy dreams of an amusement park, and both will do anything to stay on top. But Sheriff Kurt Olsen has new evidence and is closing in. As old crimes resurface, the brothers must fight to protect their empire—no matter the cost. Blood Ties is a chilling thriller about loyalty, family, and how far you'll go to survive.*

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# Celebrating Our Team

## Finalists for the Buckinghamshire Schools Awards 2025!

The Chalfonts Community College Pastoral and Learning Support team was thrilled to be celebrated as a finalist for the Inclusion Award at The Buckinghamshire Schools Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, July 2nd.

Their recognition stemmed from their dedication to creating a strong sense of belonging for every student and providing a wealth of inclusive interventions and opportunities. These initiatives include the School Pride Club, specialised GRT resources and a comprehensive mentorship scheme. Furthermore, the English Department has proactively decolonized its curriculum, ensuring a celebration of diverse cultures and backgrounds. Creative support strategies are also in place to help EBSNA students successfully re-engage with school life. Year Leaders, Pastoral and Learning Support proudly champion student achievements, thereby cultivating a truly supportive and encouraging atmosphere. Through their inclusive behavior management and Managed Moves programs, the team has transformed numerous lives, generating inspiring success stories of students overcoming significant obstacles.



## Meet the Teacher: Ian Cartwright – A Love for Science

We're proud to share that our Head of Science, Mr Ian Cartwright, has been featured in this month's Living Buckinghamshire and Berkshire magazine!

In the article, Ian shares his passion for science and the importance of creating fun, engaging, and impactful learning environments that inspire students to explore and think critically.

📄 Read the full article on our website <https://bit.ly/ChalfontsLivingIan>

👤 Celebrating great teaching and a love for learning at The Chalfonts!



# A Community Of Care

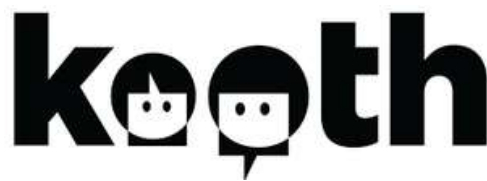


## Summer Support

With the summer Holidays fast approaching this is a reminder that support is still available over the summer holidays for students and families.

Should you have a concern and need to contact a member of the Safeguarding team during the holiday season - please remember to use the contact link on the School Website

<https://www.chalfonts.org/pastoral/safeguarding>



Don't also forget about accessing Kooth -

Kooth appreciate there will be some young people who may struggle during the holidays without the access to the daily pastoral support, trusted adults and friends that the school community provides.

A reminder that [Kooth.com](https://www.kooth.com) is a free, safe and anonymous mental health and wellbeing service commissioned for all young people aged 11-18 in Buckinghamshire. Available without referral or waiting lists until 10pm each night, 365 days per year, it provides a much needed out of hours service for advice and help.

If you'd like to provide students with a reminder of Kooth's support before the holidays, please see our 10 minute assembly [HERE](#).

Please also see some additional information and resources that you might find useful to share with colleagues, students and families in the last few weeks of term:

- [Information for parents/carers](#) (including details of our upcoming Smartphone Safety webinars)
- [Resources for parents/carers](#) (including our guide to Online Safety)
- [Additional Online Safety resources](#)
- [Kooth support guides](#)