

# *The Chalfonts Chronicle*

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## ***Community Spirit: Listening, Learning, and a Hint of Halloween***

This half term has flown by and I am very proud of how much everyone has achieved in such a short space of time. Our Year 7 students have settled in so well – they have adapted admirably to secondary school life, embraced their lessons with enthusiasm, and conducted themselves with maturity during their recent assessments. It has also been wonderful to see them taking part so energetically in sporting activities.

Our recent Open Evening and Open Morning were both outstanding events. It was a pleasure to welcome so many prospective students and their families into our school, and to witness the excitement as they interacted with our staff and experienced our vibrant learning community.

Beyond the classroom, our students have been actively engaged in a range of extra-curricular activities. From cake sales raising funds for the Hairoun Care Home, to the launch of Black History Month with a thought-provoking visit from Professor Abimbola Olowofoyeku, there has been so much to celebrate.

The PE Department has been especially busy, with a series of matches producing some fantastic results for both our boys' and girls' football teams. A particular highlight has been seeing our new Year 7 teams form strong bonds and demonstrate such great teamwork and school spirit.



This half term has also included Careers Week, with a variety of assemblies featuring guest speakers from the Windsor Forest College Group and one of our former students, who shared inspiring insights into his career in hospitality.

Halloween celebrations began on Thursday evening with our Sixth Form Business students hosting a Halloween-themed disco for Years 7 & 8, where pupils enjoyed face painting, dancing and fancy dress. Today as part of our belonging strategy we enjoyed a tutor-group led fancy dress competition where students were challenged to make a costume from minimal materials. The highlight was a catwalk competition in the hall where there were many fantastic and innovative costumes!

School resumes on Monday 3rd November, and we are already preparing for another busy and exciting few weeks – including our Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 13th November, which we hope many of you will attend.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half term.



# School Events

## Another Successful Open Evening

We were delighted to welcome so many parents and families to our Open Evening and Open Morning.

Visitors had the chance to enjoy performances from our talented choir and school band, experience exciting and inspiring classroom demonstrations, and meet our talented teachers.

Thank you to all those who were involved.

We had some great feedback from those who visited and look forward to welcoming them to our school in the future.



## The Jazz Band Shine

Our talented Jazz Band gave a fantastic performance featuring **Jenson T** on drums, **Calin C** on bass, **Nicholas L** on piano, **Emily W** on saxophone, and **Rosie C** on vocals. Their set included jazz favourites such as *Summertime*, *Valerie*, *I Got Rhythm*, and *Watermelon Man*. Their performance was met with enthusiastic applause from both parents and prospective students, showcasing the incredible musical talent within our school.

The Jazz Bands' next appearance will be at the Christmas Concert **on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December** - we look forward to seeing you then!



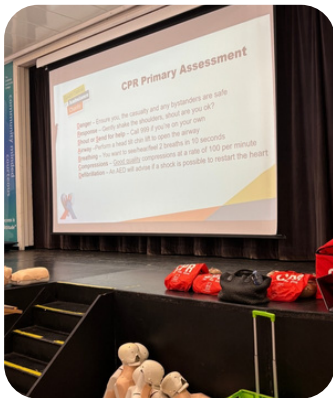
# School Events

## Celebrating Black History Month

This year, we launched Black History Month by having an assembly with every year group to educate the students about why we celebrate BHM. The students were very attentive, and several of them, along with some members of staff, expressed how informative and inspirational these assemblies were.

On 8<sup>th</sup> October, **Professor Abimbola Olowofoyeku**, senior lecturer of law at Brunel University, gave a powerful presentation about BHM to the Year 9 students. They gave him their undivided attention and both staff and students commented on the profound nature of his speech.

We also had a BHM competition where the students had to compile a booklet on a black person who has inspired them - with some great results.



## Year 9 Students Learn Life-Saving CPR Skills

On 16<sup>th</sup> October, our Year 9 students were lucky to welcome volunteers from the **South Central Ambulance Service** for **Restart a Heart Day 2025**. The session taught students essential life-saving skills, including CPR and the use of a defibrillator.

The volunteers guided students through the step-by-step process: calling for help, checking responsiveness, assessing pulse and breathing, and performing CPR until professional help arrives. Students also learned how to operate a defibrillator if one is available nearby.

It was an invaluable experience, giving our students the confidence and knowledge to potentially save a life in an emergency. One student reflected, *"It was good to learn this stuff so I know how to save someone's life if I ever need to."*



# School Events

## Charity Cake Sale

In support of **Harioun Adult Day Care Centre** in High Wycombe, we ran another cookie and donut sale - which is always welcomed with great enthusiasm by both students and staff alike.

**Miss Brooks** would like to use this opportunity to express her sincere gratitude to everyone who has made the celebrations of Black History Month at The Chalfonts Community College so successful this year.



## Building Global Connections

We had the pleasure of welcoming representatives from three Thai schools, and continue to be excited as we develop partnerships with these schools and look forward to some of our students visiting them in Thailand in July 2026.

This exchange will give our students an incredible opportunity to experience Thai culture firsthand and immerse themselves in school life abroad - broadening horizons, building friendships and deepening global understanding.



## Canine Deployment

Another special visit took place from **Canine Deployment**, the wonderful dogs trained to sniff out drugs and bombs, followed by an informative assembly for our Year 7s, who learnt all about the different types of drugs and the dangers associated with them.



# School Events

## A Spooktacular Success!

### Sixth Form Business Students Host Halloween Disco for Years 7 & 8

What a fantastic Halloween disco our Sixth Form Business students organised for our Year 7 and 8 pupils! From the strategic and financial planning to the marketing and on-the-night implementation, every aspect of this event formed part of their A Level Business syllabus.

The project gave our students valuable, hands-on insight into the world of business management on a small scale—while giving our younger students a fun-filled, spooky evening to remember. The hall was transformed with eerie decorations, incredible face painting, imaginative costumes, and, of course, plenty of dancing!

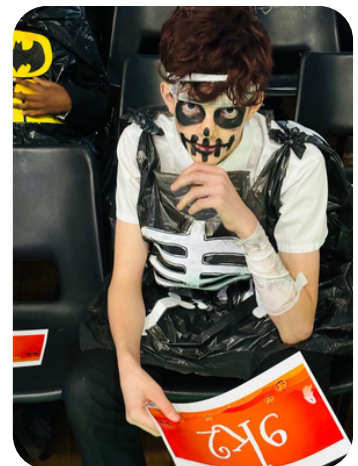
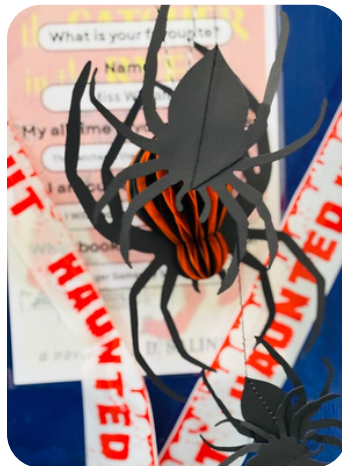
A huge thank you to all those involved in making the event such a success—our Sixth Formers, staff, and everyone who joined in the Halloween fun. It was a perfect blend of learning and laughter!



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## A Spooktacular Success!

And then a fantastic end to the term with our tutor-led Halloween costume fashion show - too many photos to show - check it out on our socials!



# *Kitchen Science: Crafting Culinary Code*

# MENU

## WHAT'S BEEN COOKING IN THE FOOD TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

### YEAR 7

#### Pizza Toast



### YEAR 8

#### Bread Rolls & Pizza Dough



### YEAR 9

#### Stir Fry



### YEAR 10

#### Chicken Nuggets



### YEAR 11

#### Multicultural Foods



# Beyond the Finish Line – Sporting Achievements

## Year 7 Football Team - off to a flying Start



What a fantastic start to their season with 2 impressive victories.

In the District Cup Quarter Final, the team secured a 3-0 win against Dr Challoners, with goals from **Henry D**, **Kai C** and **Remi R**, with Player of the Match given to **Harry D** for his outstanding performance.

Then an emphatic 8-1 victory in their first league game against Chiltern Hills Academy, with hat-tricks from **Patrick D** and **Remi R**.

A brilliant start to the season - well done boys!

## Great Netball results for Year 7 Girls

Our new Year 7 netball team made an incredible start to their season, going undefeated in their first tournament!

The girls produced two outstanding results, a 9-2 win over Chiltern Hills and an 11-4 victory against Beaconsfield High School, with displays of fabulous attacking play and teamwork.

Well done, girls!



# *The Path Ahead – Chalfont Success Stories*

## **Olivia Warner**

**Lead for UK Portfolio Communications and Public Affairs Team**  
*Johnson & Johnson*



Introducing **Olivia**, a CCC alumni member who now works for *Johnson & Johnson*, on their Communications and Public Affairs team.

*"I chose my career because it blends my favourite subjects - English, Science, art, and drama. I use these skills daily to write about, understand medicines, design campaigns, and present with confidence. I love my role at J&J where every day is different and I help bring life-changing treatments to the UK."*

## *Thank you for your Support*

### **Save the Date!**

We are excited to announce our Year 11 Employability Skills Day on **3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026** and would love your support to make it a success.

If you work in a particular industry and would like to share your expertise at our careers fair, or if you'd be willing to take part in the mock interviews of our students, we'd be delighted to have you join us.

You can give up just an hour of your time or stay for the whole morning – it's completely up to you. Our students gain so much from this experience, and your involvement makes a real difference. Thank you in advance for your support! Please email [kvinten@chalfonts.org](mailto:kvinten@chalfonts.org) for more information.



# The Path Ahead

## Inspiring Careers Week

Last week, our students took part in a series of specially designed assemblies focused on future careers and pathways.

A huge thank you to the **Windsor Forest College Group** for delivering an inspiring session to our Year 11 students. They explored a range of exciting options – from T Levels and vocational courses to apprenticeships and A Levels – showing that there's a pathway to suit every interest and ambition.

On Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome back former student **Davey Newman**, who shared his incredible journey in the hospitality industry – from **Cliveden** to the **Beaverbrook Hotel**. His story was a powerful reminder that hard work and passion lead to success.

On Wednesday, **Bucks College Group** joined us to talk to our Year 9 students about college life and future opportunities. Students gained valuable insights into the wide range of vocational, apprenticeship, and academic routes available after school.

On Thursday, our Year 10 students experienced a virtual presentation from the **Windsor Forest College Group**, giving them a valuable introduction to post-16 options and helping them begin to consider their next steps.

The week concluded on Friday with **Miss Vinten** delivering an informative session to our Year 13 students on the importance of Work Experience, encouraging them to make the most of opportunities that will prepare them for life beyond school.

It was an inspiring week full of ideas, ambition, and motivation for the future!



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inspired



# The Path Ahead – Sixth Form

## Amaya's Apprenticeship

**Amaya Ahmed** secured an apprenticeship, the youngest on her course, at Colliers who offer Real Estate Services, Engineering and Investment Management.

*"The apprenticeship is a five year course. I'll be in my current department (Business Rates) for three years. That's basically the tax the government puts on non domestic properties depending on their size, and as a rater you value buildings to help clients save money on tax. Colliers has actually saved companies £4 billion in the last ten years through this!*

*Because I'm in commercial real estate, I've already been visiting hotels, restaurants, and huge offices across London. I even got to go into the Bank of England last week and stand at the bottom of one of the vaults! Right now I'm shadowing inspections, but my goal is to complete one on my own before my birthday in March. It's very client focused, with lots of negotiation and even going to court to support clients, so it definitely keeps me on my toes.*

*Alongside this, I study at the University of the Built Environment. I'm in London Monday to Thursday, then uni on Fridays. After three years, I'll have my degree a year earlier than if I'd gone the traditional route, since I'm combining real world training with my studies. Then I'll move onto the graduate programme for two years where I'll work towards my APC accreditation to become a Chartered Surveyor. Colliers will train and sponsor me through the whole process, whereas if I'd gone to uni, I would have had to find a job and a sponsor afterwards. So overall, I'll be fully qualified in about five years rather than the seven it would usually take. It's definitely not a sit down job, it's always moving, always debating and negotiating, which I love!"*

Amaya has also set up 'Her Estate' a young networking group. They are launching their first webinar on the 20th October. It's all about giving young women an apprenticeship advantage and supporting them to break into such a male dominated industry



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*The Path Ahead – Sixth Form*

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**SIXTH FORM  
OPEN EVENING**

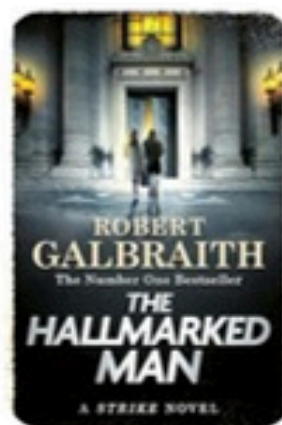
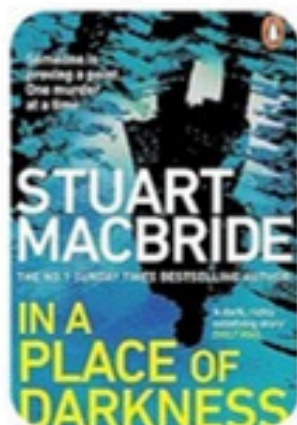
**THURSDAY 13TH  
NOVEMBER 2025**

**6 PM – 8 PM**

**PRESENTATION: 6 PM  
IN THE MAIN HALL**



# All About Books



## Student Recommendations

### Noughts & Crosses by Malorie Blackman

*Sephy is a Cross, living a life of privilege; Callum is a Nought, seen as inferior. Despite a world that forbids their friendship – let alone love – they choose each other, defying deep-rooted prejudice. Their forbidden relationship sparks events that will change their lives, and generations to come.*

*A powerful, thought-provoking modern classic exploring love, inequality, and courage.*

### The Girl Who Looked Beyond The Stars by L.B. Anne

*Thirteen-year-old Sheena Meyer is kind, curious, and always searching for something extraordinary. When her father survives a mysterious accident, Sheena discovers a hidden gift and a dark force called the Murk that's coming for her. With help from unlikely allies, she's drawn into a world of angels, secrets, and destiny – one that will change her life forever.*

*A thrilling, heartwarming story of courage, faith, and the power of believing in more.*

## Sixth Form/ Parents / Staff Recommendations

### In A Place Of Darkness by Stuart Macbride

*Detective Constable Angus MacVicar joins Operation Telegram, the hunt for the terrifying Fortnight Killer, who strikes every two weeks – leaving one victim behind and another missing. With time running out and tensions rising, Angus must prove himself before the killer claims his next victims... or his life.*

*A dark, gripping crime thriller packed with twists and suspense.*

### The Hallmarked Man by Robert Galbraith

*When a dismembered body is found in a silver shop, private detective Cormoran Strike is called in by Decima Mullins, who believes the corpse is her missing boyfriend. The case grows more twisted with connections to Masonic silverware, other disappearances, and dangerous secrets.*

*As Strike and Robin Ellacott navigate the labyrinthine investigation, personal feelings complicate matters, taking their story to a whole new level. A gripping, complex thriller for fans of the series.*



# A Community of Care

## 🚫 Stop Courier Fraud – Help Protect Our Families

Thames Valley Police and Crimestoppers are warning about courier fraud – a scam where criminals pretend to be from the police or your bank to trick people into handing over money or valuables.

### How the scam works:

- They say there's a problem with your bank account or ask you to help an "investigation."
- They might ask for your PIN, card, or to withdraw money.
- Then they send someone (a "courier") to collect it – and disappear.

Anyone can be targeted, but scammers often go after older people or teenagers who might not realise it's a trick.

### How you can help:

- Talk to your family, especially grandparents, about scams.
- Look out for unusual behaviour – like someone taking out lots of cash or acting secretive about phone calls.
- Be alert online – if someone offers "easy money" to deliver packages or use your bank account, it's probably a scam.

### Report it (anonymously):

☎ Call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or visit [crimestoppers-uk.org](https://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

### If money has been lost:

🖨 Report to Action Fraud at [actionfraud.police.uk](https://www.actionfraud.police.uk)

💬 **For emotional support:** Victims First – 0300 1234 148

Together, we can stop courier fraud and keep our community safe. 🙋 Stop! Think Fraud.

## 🎃 Halloween in Bucks

Thames Valley Police will increase patrols around Halloween to prevent anti-social behaviour and keep communities safe.

### 🏠 What's Happening

Extra patrols before and during Halloween  
Crime prevention with local shops (e.g. fireworks, eggs)  
Safety advice for residents and trick-or-treaters

### 📄 Prefer No Visitors?

[Download](#) and display the "No trick or treat" poster from Thames Valley Police.

### ☎ Need Help?

**Non-emergency:** Call 101 or visit Thames Valley Police  
**Emergency:** Dial 999

