

The Chalfonts Chronicle

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Building Character: Anti-Bullying, Remembrance, and Sixth Form Opportunities

This half term, our focus is on the school value of Commitment – exploring what it truly means and how it can be demonstrated in everyday life. Each week, tutor groups reflect on a different theme, from “What does showing up mean?” to “Stick with it.” This provides an excellent opportunity for open discussion and debate among our students, encouraging them to think deeply about personal responsibility and perseverance.

Our year group assemblies continue to play an important role in this work, and this week marks Anti-Bullying Week. Students have been encouraged to raise awareness about the impact of bullying, equip themselves with strategies to speak up and support one another and foster empathy, respect, and inclusion in everyday school life.

Year Group School Councils held meetings last week. Our School Council is built on a clear and inclusive structure that ensures every student’s voice is heard. Each year group has its own council, where representatives from every tutor group meet to share what is going well in school and discuss areas for improvement. This is a genuinely two-way process: reps bring feedback from their peers and, in return, receive updates to share back with their tutor groups. I am very proud of the mature and thoughtful way our representatives take on their roles as junior leaders, contributing positively to school life and helping to drive meaningful improvement.

On Thursday evening, we were delighted to welcome Year 11 students and their parents to our Sixth Form Open Evening. Students met subject leaders and sixth formers to help them choose from a huge range of courses. With 30 courses on offer, our post 16 provision is one of the biggest in the area, with something to suit all students. We look forward to supporting Year 11 over the coming months with their course choices.

November is always a special month in our school community, particularly with the Remembrance Parade in the village. Many of our students participated, attended, or supported this event, demonstrating the strength of our school’s presence within the local community. A special mention must go to Nathan C, of whom we are incredibly proud. Nathan recently took part in the Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall. He also serves as the Royal British Legion Buckinghamshire County Youth Standard Bearer and led the Air Cadets at the Chalfont St Peter Remembrance Parade – a truly remarkable achievement.

Finally, as the evenings grow darker, please remind your children to take care when travelling home at the end of the school day.

Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to another successful and inspiring term ahead.

Warm Regards
Mrs C Whitehead
Principal



Lest We Forget

Festival of Remembrance

We are very proud of **Nathan C** in Year 12, who took part in the Festival of Remembrance.

Nathan serves as the Royal British Legion Buckinghamshire County Youth Standard Bearer and recently achieved third place in the RBL National Youth Standard Bearer Competition – a fantastic accomplishment!

Nathan also led the Air Cadets in the Chalfont Remembrance Parade and carried the standard at 11am on Tuesday, 11th November, during a short service at the village memorial to commemorate Armistice Day.

We commend Nathan for his dedication, leadership, and commitment to remembrance.



Two Minutes of Remembrance

The students and staff of Chalfonts Community College gathered for a two-minute silence to honour and remember all those who have fought and sacrificed their lives.



School Events

Exciting News – Join The School Lottery and Support Our School!

We're thrilled to announce that The Chalfonts Community College is now part of The School Lottery – a fun, easy, and rewarding way to raise vital funds for our school community all year round!

For just £1 per week, you'll be entered into:

- A guaranteed weekly cash prize for one of our supporters
- A chance to win the £25,000 national jackpot
- Monthly Super Draws with bonus prizes worth up to £1,000



Every ticket helps fund valuable extras, facilities, and experiences that enrich learning and life at Chalfonts. It's an easy, affordable way to make a real difference – and enjoy a little fun too!

Join today: www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/the-chalfonts-community-college

All funds raised go directly to our PTA, supporting projects that benefit every student. A huge thank you to our PTA for launching this fantastic initiative – and to all of you for your continued support. Together, we can make a lasting impact!

Focus on School Values: Commitment

This half term, our school value is Commitment, encouraging students to reflect on what it means to truly show up for others.

Last week's Thought of the Week, "Showing Up", prompted thoughtful tutor group discussions about how commitment can be demonstrated in different ways – through emotional support, reliability, kindness, and simply being present for someone who needs it.

Our Year 10 students highlighted the importance of showing social responsibility, respecting others' beliefs, and supporting peers with their learning. They also recognised the role of teachers who go above and beyond to help students succeed.

Our Year 11 students reflected on the importance of doing what you say you'll do, valuing friendships, showing mutual respect, and supporting one another through both challenges and successes.

We are incredibly proud of the insight and empathy shown by our students as they continue to explore the value of commitment throughout this half term.



School Events

A Spooktacular Success!

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 management, every aspect of the event linked directly to their A Level Business studies.

Their hard work certainly paid off – the disco was a huge success and raised over **£500** for the charity *Fight for Sight*.

Well done to all involved for combining fun, learning, and fundraising in such a brilliant way! 🎃



Black History Month, October 2025

Thank you so much for purchasing doughnuts and cookies for your son/daughter for the BHM bake sale. I am pleased to inform you that we have raised **£328.72** from this venture. All proceeds will go to The Haroun Day

Centre for the elderly in High Wycombe. The students also did some projects for BHM, and these are the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners.

- ☒ **Hephzibah Eneojo - Abah** - 1st place winner (Year 11)
- ☒ **Charlotte Kentish - Finn** - 2nd place winner (Year 9)
- ☒ **Millan Babrah** - 3rd place winner (Year 10).



End-of-Term Rewards Trip to Everyman Cinema

Students are working hard to earn as many achievement points as possible this term! The top 10 students in each year group will be rewarded with a special trip to the Everyman Cinema on Monday 15th December.

Each of these students will also have the exciting opportunity to invite a friend (+1) to join them for the trip. Parents and carers will be informed in two weeks' time once the final selections have been made.

Keep up the great work, everyone – every achievement point counts! 🎬🌟



School Trips



Our Year 11 students had an amazing trip to the London Dungeon and the National Archives – a perfect mix of fun and learning, thoroughly enjoyed by all!

Beyond the Finish Line – Sporting Achievements



Big win for our Year 10 Football Team!

Came from 1–0 and 2–1 down to beat The Misbourne in a hard-fought match. Players Of The Match was **Will F** and **Reggie R** Captain **Bobby B** and **George P** were outstanding throughout!



Great Football results for Year 7 Girls

Fantastic 3–2 WIN for our U13 Girls vs Chiltern Hills on Monday! Brilliant teamwork all round! Player of the Match: **Abi Dhillon**

Well done, girls!



The Path Ahead – Chalfont Success Stories

Student Success Spotlight: Frankie D



We are incredibly proud to celebrate the outstanding achievements of Frankie D, one of our talented students making waves in the football world.

Frankie currently plays for Tottenham Hotspur U16s–U18s and has already earned 3 England caps, showcasing his remarkable skill and dedication at a young age. He made his U18 debut at just 15 years old and has recently been offered a scholarship two years earlier than expected – a testament to his hard work, talent, and commitment.

In addition, Frankie is sponsored by Nike, further highlighting the recognition he has received for his sporting excellence.

Frankie's achievements reflect not only his individual dedication but also the supportive environment of our school community, and we are thrilled to see him continue to succeed on both the national and international stage.

Congratulations, Frankie – we look forward to celebrating your future successes!

Thank you for your Support

Employability Skills Day – Tuesday 3rd February

We are excited to announce our upcoming **Employability Skills Day** and are looking for volunteers from businesses and organisations to get involved!

This event offers our students a valuable opportunity to develop essential skills such as teamwork, communication, problem-solving, and confidence in a real-world context. By sharing your experience and insight, you can help inspire the next generation to explore different career paths and understand what employers look for.

Your involvement not only supports our students' futures but also helps strengthen links between education and industry – showcasing your company's commitment to community engagement and talent development.

If you or your organisation would like to take part, please get in touch – kvinten@chalfonts.org - Thank you!



The Path Ahead



First Great Job Workshops Inspire Future Success

This term, students have taken part in a series of **First Great Job** workshops designed to build their confidence, knowledge, and practical skills for the world of work. The sessions helped students explore employability skills, career pathways, and what employers look for in young people.

Each workshop focused on a key area of career readiness, including writing effective CVs and cover letters, preparing for interviews, and communicating professionally. Students also developed teamwork, leadership, and problem-solving skills valued across all industries.

A highlight was the interactive approach – mock interviews, group challenges, and discussions allowed students to apply their learning in engaging ways. Feedback has been very positive, with many reporting greater confidence and clearer career goals.

The First Great Job programme is an important part of our careers education, ensuring students leave school equipped with the skills and self-belief needed for future success.

Be
inspired



All About Books



Student Recommendations

Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow Book 1 by Jessica Townsend

Morrigan Crow is cursed to die on her eleventh birthday—until the mysterious Jupiter North whisks her away to the secret city of Nevermoor.

There, she's invited to join the Wondrous Society, but must pass four impossible trials using a special talent she doesn't have.

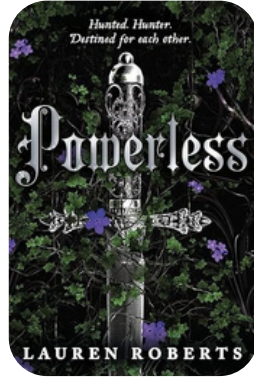
Perfect for fans of Harry Potter and His Dark Materials, this series sparks imagination, magic, and adventure.

Powerless by Lauren Roberts

Only the extraordinary belong in the kingdom of Ilya. The Elites wield powers gifted by the Plague, while the Ordinary are shunned.

Paedyn Gray, an Ordinary posing as an Elite, is thrown into the Purging Trials after saving Prince Kai Azer. If the trials don't kill her, the prince might—if he discovers her secret.

The first book in a smash-hit romantasy trilogy full of danger, deception, and romance.



Sixth Form/Parents/Staff Recommendations

Gone Before Goodbye by Harlan Coben & Reese Witherspoon

Maggie McCabe is on the edge. A renowned army combat surgeon, her life is upended by a series of personal tragedies.

Offered a lifeline by a former colleague, she takes on a high-stakes job caring for one of the world's most mysterious men. But when he disappears under her watch, Maggie must go on the run—or risk becoming the next victim.

The Secret of Secrets by Dan Brown

While accompanying academic Katherine Solomon to a lecture in Prague, Langdon's world unravels when she disappears without a trace. Far from home, he must unravel centuries of secrets and navigate a city of castles, cathedrals, and labyrinthine passages, all while being stalked by a dark force from the past.

Time is running out, and Langdon must use all his knowledge to save Katherine—and possibly the future of humanity itself.



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

If money has been lost:

📄 Report to Action Fraud at 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.

Letters to Our Sons – A Call for Fathers to Write

Emmy-winning actor Stephen Graham OBE (Adolescence) and psychology lecturer Orly Klein are inviting fathers everywhere to write heartfelt letters to their sons about what it means to be a man.

These personal reflections will form part of *Letters to Our Sons*, a powerful new book to be published by Bloomsbury in October 2026.

"Letters to Our Sons is going to help, and possibly save, lives," says Katy Follain, Head of Bloomsbury General. Klein adds, *"When my son turned thirteen, I asked male friends to write him letters about being a good man – that's where this began."*

Each published letter will support MANUP? and Dad La Soul, helping men and boys struggling with mental health.

Submissions open 15 Oct 2025 – 12 Jan 2026

Find out more: www.letterstooursons.co.uk

