

The Chalfonts Chronicle

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Building Community and Achieving Together

I am pleased to share how recent events and opportunities for students continue to strengthen our vision of a happy, successful, and aspirational school community.

A highlight recently has been the inspirational visitors who have engaged with our students across different year groups, opening their eyes to the many possibilities ahead of them. Rita Clifton, CBE, spoke to our Year 10 students and shared her remarkable career journey and advice on achieving goals. Our Year 8 students enjoyed an interactive session with the Global Academy, while our A-Level Physics students benefited from insightful talks delivered by the University of Cambridge. Our Sixth Form students also welcomed Coaching for Mentors, who introduced their tailored mentorship programme.

Our Year 11 students started their GCSE mock examinations this week and I would like to commend them for their mature behaviour and positive attitude. Many students begin to feel the pressure as the significance of these assessments becomes real. Please be assured that we are all here to support, encourage, and guide them to achieve their very best.

It has also been an exciting time for our sports department. Our new Year 7 netball team remains undefeated, demonstrating fantastic teamwork and determination. In addition, our U13 girls' football team has progressed to the next stage of the Utilita Cup – a wonderful achievement that reflects their effort and commitment.

This half term is one of the longest, stretching seven weeks, and the shorter daylight hours and colder weather can make the days feel more demanding. Students have been focusing on challenges to reinforce the importance of good habits, resilience, and consistent effort. High attendance and a commitment to approach each day with confidence and purpose – even on the tougher days – will help them continue to grow and succeed.

This time of year also brings early preparations for Christmas, and I am looking forward to many school festive activities in the coming weeks. This is also a period that always highlights the generosity and compassion within our school community. We are once again collecting donations for the Chiltern Hills Food Bank, and any contributions, however small, will make a meaningful difference to local families in need at Christmas.

Thank you for your continued support, and I wish you all a restful and enjoyable weekend.



Warm Regards
Mrs C Whitehead
Principal



Classroom Champions

Year 7 Spelling Bee Competition - 2025

The Spelling Bee Competition was a resounding success and the enthusiastic participants thoroughly enjoyed the experience. After a nail-biting final on Thursday, 27th November, **Alice W** (7K2) was crowned the Year 7 Spelling Bee Champion for 2025. Well done to all the students who took part.



BOOK CLUB
PLACE: THE RUBICON
ROOM 72
WHEN: TUESDAY LUNCH
Year 10-11

Run By
Robyn Mallowan
Lilian Price
Billy Peters-Hoult
Ollie Micheal

Read, Share, Explore: The Year 12-Led Book Club

Do you love getting lost in a good book? Join **Robyn, Billy, Lilian** and **Ollie** every Tuesday at lunchtime in Room 72 for our Year 12-led Book Club, open to Year 10 and 11 students.

Together, we'll choose what to read, share our thoughts, and discover new favourites.

Bring your ideas, your love of reading, and help decide our next great book!



Centre Stage - Art

CCC Students Enter Gerrards Cross and Chalfont St Peter Rotary Club Annual Art, Photography and Writing Competition

Talented young artists, photographers and writers from The Chalfont Community College have again this year submitted some amazing work to be entered into Gerrards Cross and Chalfont St Peter Rotary Club annual Art, Photography and Writing Competition.

Last year a number of students came 1st, 2nd and 3rd in all three categories. fingers crossed that this year's young Artists, Photographers and Writers will be just as successful!

We will hear about the results in January. So watch this space with the announcement in the new year.



Dates to Remember

Wednesday 3rd December - School closes at 1.30pm

Wednesday 17th December - Year 7 Christmas Movie Night

Thursday 18th December - Cake Sale

Friday 19th December - End of Term - School Closes 12.35pm

Beyond the Finish Line – Sporting Achievements



Driving Champion!

Ben S in 10K1 took part in the '**1 Litre Hot Rod World Championships**' a few weeks ago. This involved driving skillfully fast for 20 laps. His car can go up to a whopping 160 miles per hour. The good news? **HE WON!** He is now the World Champion! This racing formula is designed for 10-16 year olds in order to produce future champions in this sport. The competition is very high and so is an amazing achievement and I'm sure we all extend our congratulations to Ben!

Resilient U13s Smash It at the Utilita Cup!

Our U13 girls smashed it at the Utilita Cup hosted by Wycombe Wanderers! They finished joint 2nd in the group, showing amazing resilience & determination on a chilly day. Well done, girls – back next year! 🏆



Undefeated Year 7 Netball Team

A cold competition with wins against Chesham and Misbourne. Well done to **Lucia** and **Ivy** for POTM in the games, and congratulations to **Leilani** for Player's Player of the Tournament.



The Path Ahead – Chalfont Success Stories

Asa Marshal-Deere Disabled Model and Chairperson of A.S.A Charity



Introducing Asa, a CCC alumni member who now works as a disabled model and is also Chairperson of her own charity A.S.A

"You may see me struggle, but you'll never see me quit!"

'I wanted to break barriers—there were no models with 'physical' disabilities, so I started my own charity at 12 to raise awareness. By 16, the modelling agency 'VisAble People' noticed my work, and since then I've had the privilege to work with major brands in modelling, TV, and advertising.'

Thank you for your Support

Employability Skills Day - 3rd February 2026

We're getting ready for our 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 – Careers Events

Our Sixth Form physicists had a fantastic day at the **RGS** in High Wycombe this week, taking part in an inspiring **Physics Workshop and Careers Talk**. The students were fully involved from start to finish and came away buzzing with ideas.

A huge thank you to Prof. Lisa Jardine-Wright and Dr. Anton Machacek from Cambridge University and Isaac Physics for delivering such engaging sessions. And of course, a big thanks to RGS for being wonderful hosts!



Our Year 10 students had a real treat this week when **Rita Clifton, CBE**, a British advertising professional and a former chair of Interbrand, visited to share her career journey. She spoke honestly, enthusiastically and with plenty of brilliant advice for the future – and our students were absolutely inspired.

A huge thank you to Rita for taking the time to motivate the next generation!

Our Year 8s enjoyed another fantastic assembly today!

A big thank-you to **Global Academy** for delivering such an inspiring and informative session about creative media career pathways – the students loved it!



A huge thank you to **Coaching for Careers** for delivering an outstanding, tailor-made mentorship programme for our Sixth Form. Their insight, encouragement and practical advice really made an impact – our students came away feeling motivated and confident about their next steps!



All About Books



Student Recommendations

Phantasma by Kaylie Smith

Welcome to Phantasma—where you must stay alive and avoid falling in love.

When Ophelia's sister disappears, she enters Phantasma, a deadly contest inside a haunted mansion, to win a single wish. The house is a shifting maze of trials, monsters, and ruthless competitors, each of its nine challenges more lethal than the last.

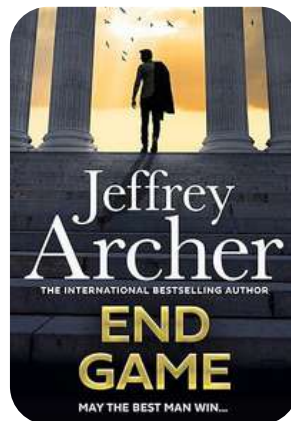
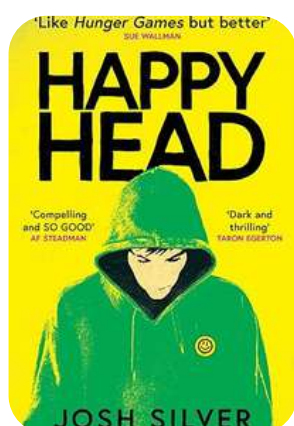
A mysterious stranger, Blackwell—irritating, magnetic, and far too charming—offers to guide her in exchange for ten years of her life. Ophelia knows trusting him is dangerous.

But in Phantasma, the only thing deadlier than losing the game...is losing her heart.

HappyHead by Josh Silver

We are in an epidemic. An epidemic of unhappiness. Friends, here is the good news: HappyHead has the answer.

When Seb is offered a place on a radical retreat designed to solve the national crisis of teenage unhappiness, he is determined to change how people see him and make his parents proud. But as he finds himself drawn to the enigmatic Finn, Seb starts to question the true nature of the challenges they must undergo. The deeper into the programme the boys get, the more disturbing the assessments become, until it's clear there may be no escape...



Sixth Form/ Parents / Staff Recommendations

End Game by Jeffrey Archer

London, 2012. As Britain prepares for the Olympic Games, the city becomes a prime target. The moment the bid is secured, a global conspiracy sets its plan in motion—one designed to plunge the world into chaos.

Commander William Warwick and his elite Scotland Yard team are the only line of defense. Chasing a shadowy organisation and a deadly assassin, Warwick is pulled into a high-stakes pursuit from London's crowded streets to the corridors of power.

He must stop the attack before the greatest show on earth turns into a catastrophe.

Somewhere, A Boy and a Bear by Gyles Brandreth

When Winnie-the-Pooh appeared in 1925, no one imagined the bear would enchant readers for a century.

Gyles Brandreth's biography explores A.A.Milne, his famous creation, and the divided family behind it, drawing on insights from the real Christopher Robin.

A story of a man, a boy, and a bear—about childhood, creativity, and the longing for lost enchantment.



A Community Of Care

'RIGHT TO CHOOSE' FOR AUTISM/ADHD ASSESSMENT

PARENT WORKSHOP - 03.12.25 at 5.15pm

We will be running a session in collaboration with Propel to support any parent/carer or guardian who is considering an ASD and/or ADHD diagnosis or who are currently on the CAMHS waiting list for this. Introduction to Right to Choose for Autism and ADHD Assessment workshop Workshop Overview. This workshop is designed to help parents and carers understand the NHS Right to Choose process for ADHD and autism assessments.

We will cover

- Your legal rights as an NHS patient in England to choose a provider for ADHD or autism care.
- Step-by-step guidance on how to request a referral from your GP.
- An overview of the ADHD and Autism 360 services, delivered in partnership with the Propel programme.
- Practical advice on completing referral forms and providing supporting evidence.

Date: Wednesday 3rd December

Time: 5.15pm

Location: The Chalfonts Community College (Arrive at reception to be directed to the hall) Led by: Emma Pettifer (Propel), supported by Alexander Maclean (SENDCo)

Aim: This will be an informative and supportive session, with the aim being to help you navigate the referral process smoothly.

How to Attend

If you would like to attend please RSVP by completing the google form on the following link by 28.11.25
<https://forms.gle/zPj3ed3FC3rh57qs5>

We hope you can join us and look forward to supporting you through this important process.



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Domestic Abuse Support App - Bright Sky by Hestia



Domestic abuse, whether towards a female or male partner, can significantly affect the children who live in that environment. Exposure to violence, coercion or ongoing emotional manipulation disrupts a child's sense of safety and can influence their behaviour, relationships and engagement in learning.

These situations are often hard to spot. Many victims work to hide what is happening, particularly from official agencies, due to fear of consequences for the abusive partner or worries about major upheaval for the family.

Hestia is a London-based charity that supports adults and children in crisis, delivering frontline services and campaigning nationally on issues such as domestic abuse, modern slavery and mental health. They have created the Bright Sky app, a free and discreet tool that helps people recognise signs of abuse, access specialist support and record concerns safely.

The Bright Sky app provides:

- A simple tool to help someone recognise signs of abuse and understand whether a relationship feels unsafe.
- A secure, optional journal for recording incidents or concerns that can later be shared with a trusted person or agency.
- A directory of national and local support services, making it easier to find the right help quickly.

To find out more, please follow the link: <https://www.hestia.org/brightsky>

Brook delivers free RSE (Relationships & Sex Education) at Home webinars to support parents and carers who want to feel more confident talking to their children about relationships and sex.

We know these conversations can sometime feel tricky – that's why our sessions offer practical tips and guidance to help you start and continue these important discussions at home.

We'd love your feedback to help us shape future sessions and resources that better support families across Buckinghamshire.

Complete our quick survey for a chance to win a £15 Amazon voucher! We won't ask for your name, and your answers will remain anonymous.

Take the survey: <http://bit.ly/4hRrNzd>

Brook's Parent and Carer webpage (advice, guidance and free resources):
<https://www.brook.org.uk/parents-and-carers/rse-at-home>

