

# *The Chalfonts Chronicle*

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## *A Term of Achievement and Growth*

The past two weeks have been very busy with lots of reasons to celebrate the success of our school community, many of which you will see in this edition. It was also great to see students enjoying the end of term today with a fun, 'egg-stra' special Easter themed whole school belonging activity!

As all parents of Year 11 and Year 13 will know, the exam season will be upon us soon after the holiday. Year 11 and Year 13 students will be planning a busy revision schedule over the Easter holidays to achieve success in the summer. A huge thank you to the teachers providing extra intervention lessons during the holidays – your dedication makes a real difference.

Our Year 11 students have been having Progression Meetings with our Senior Leadership Team, thinking carefully about their next steps after the all-important GCSEs. Every Year 11 student has a meeting with a member of the SLT at this time of year for support, advice on options for the sixth form and encouragement for that final push toward the exams. Our Sixth Form students visited Excel London, meeting with companies and universities to explore career and higher education opportunities, helping them to further shape their future pathways. Additionally, our Year 13 students participated in an external Psychology booster day, refining their exam techniques and enhancing their preparation for upcoming assessments.

This half term, the arts and performance have truly taken centre stage. Our exceptional dance team performed at Dance Live at Wycombe Swan for the first time, delivering a six-minute choreographed dance alongside a stunning video backdrop – no easy feat! We also enjoyed Battle of the Bands this week, where students in Year 7 and 8 were allowed to watch the final rehearsals ahead of the big show on Tuesday evening. Thank you to our teachers for judging and supporting this fantastic event, which showcased the immense talent within our school.

Congratulations also to our PE department, who have excelled this term across competitions ranging from netball to aquathon. It has been wonderful to see so many students participating and achieving in sport.

I wish you all a good break over the Easter holiday and we hope for some warmer, sunny weather! We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 13th April!

Warm regards  
Ms C Whitehead  
Principal



# Learning Beyond the Classroom



## Year 11 Geography Students Take Learning to Wembley

Our Year 11 Geography students took their classroom to Wembley Stadium for GCSE fieldwork.

They spent the day applying their skills to real-world observations, from mapping crowd movement to studying transport and accessibility.

## Exploring Futures at the UK's Largest Careers Fair

A group of our students recently attended one of the UK's largest university and careers fairs. The event brought together representatives from over 150 universities, as well as major employers offering apprenticeship opportunities.

Students had the chance to explore a wide range of post-16 and post-18 pathways, speak directly with experts, and gain valuable guidance on applications and future career options. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to ask questions, make useful contacts, and begin considering their next steps with greater confidence.



## Lights, Camera, Revision: Year 13 Hit the Cinema for Exam Prep

Our Year 13 students recently attended a revision day at a local cinema, led by tutor2u subject experts.

The workshops featured four interactive sessions, offering practical exam tips and strategies for success in the 2026 exams. Each student also received a detailed workshop booklet packed with useful advice to support their revision.

It was a fun and engaging way to consolidate learning and prepare for upcoming assessments.



# Dancing To Success

## DanceLive

What a night at @dancelive\_uk at Wycombe Swan!

Our students showed incredible teamwork & spirit, with a stunning 6-minute performance (6th Form choreography by **Lola P**)

Thrilled to take home the Creative Achievement Award

Huge thanks to all students, **Ms Arnold** and **Ms Webb**.



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# Performing Arts

## Battle of the Bands

What a fantastic evening at our Battle of the Bands! Our students have worked incredibly hard in preparation, and it has been a joy for the whole school community to witness their rehearsals and watch their progress. The opportunity to perform in front of their fellow classmates made the rehearsals even more realistic.

It truly was an amazing evening, showcasing the outstanding talent we are so proud to have across the school. A night to remember for everyone involved.

A huge congratulations to our winners:

- 1st place: **Lila, Tom, Seb, and Oscar** with "Creep"
- 2nd place: **Emelia, Evie, Tom, Martha, Megan, Willow, and Saatchi** with "The River"
- 3rd place: **Oliver, Jaskeerat, Louis, and Hannah** performing "Hometown Glory"

Thank you to all the students, staff, and supporters who helped make the event such a success, and to our wonderful audience for making it such a memorable evening.



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# Sporting Success Stories

## Year 8 Aquathlon Success

Well done to our Year 8 students who took part in the Aquathlon at RMs. The event was a tough challenge, requiring students to complete 20 lengths of the pool followed by a 2.2km run.

Our students showed fantastic determination throughout and it was great to see such a strong display of team spirit as they supported and encouraged one another from start to finish.

Congratulations to all who took part!



## District Cup Final for our Year 10s

A fantastic game against Holmer Green finished 3–3 at full time, with goals from **Millan B** and **Joe F**. The match went to penalties and, after sudden death, we narrowly missed out on the win.

An outstanding performance from the whole team, with goalkeeper **Lewis W** earning Player of the Match for his brilliant efforts.

Well done to all involved for a great game! 

## Year 7 & 8 Girls Shine at Aylesbury Dance Day

Our Year 7 and 8 girls had a fantastic day in Aylesbury taking part in a full dance workshop.

They enjoyed fun warm-ups, learned new routines, and performed in the afternoon, with some students bravely showcasing their dances in small groups.

The confidence and enthusiasm shown all day was inspiring – well done to everyone who took part!



# Sporting Success Stories

## Year 8 Netball Tournament Success

Our Year 8 netball team had a fantastic day at the end-of-season tournament at Kingsmead. The students showed determination, skill, and excellent teamwork throughout the day.

The team progressed through the Plate competition, finishing an impressive 6th place overall. Special congratulations to **Grace M** and **Chloe S**, who were named Players of the Tournament for their outstanding performances and team spirit.

Well done to all the players for a brilliant end to the season!



## U15 Cricket Team Shine in Indoor Qualifier

Our U15 cricket team secured a fantastic 3rd place finish in the Indoor Round 1 Qualifier!

The team put in an excellent all-round performance: **Ralphie T** impressed with his bowling, while **James S**, **Alex M**, **Joe F**, and **Jaskeerat N** showcased superb batting. **May A** stood out with exceptional fielding, contributing to a brilliant team effort.

## Year 9 Netball

A great afternoon of teamwork getting through to the shield and finishing in 4<sup>th</sup> place overall.

Players of the tournament : **Evie F** and **Charlotte K-F**



# Sporting Success Stories



## Year 7 Basketball Clinch Thrilling Win!

Our Year 7 Basketball Team pulled off a dramatic 16 - 8 victory over The Beaconsfield School, holding their nerve right down to the final seconds.

Player of the Match: **Blake D** for an outstanding performance.

Well done to the whole squad on a fantastic, nail-biting match!

## Year 7 Netball Tournament

Year 7 took part in their first end-of-season netball tournament this week and performed very well. Despite illness in the team, the girls showed great determination throughout.

They reached the Plate competition and finished 3rd overall.

Players of the Match: **Lucia, Abi, and Natalie.**



**SUMMER TRIAL DATES**

Monday 13th April - Year 7 & 8 Boys Cricket

Tuesday 14th April - All Years Athletics

Wednesday 15th April - Year 9 & 10 Boys Cricket

Monday 20th March - All Years Girls Cricket

## Next Term Dates

For those interested in participating in athletics and cricket, key dates to remember for trials next term.





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# Assistant Coach Required

**Are you sporty, responsible and a great time keeper?**

Here at Court18 Tennis we are looking for students aged 14+ to join our team of assistant coaches for paid working hours during after school, weekends and school holiday periods. You will be helping main coaches to look after the children while they enjoy learning tennis. No coaching or tennis experience required.

**Key Attributes Needed:**

- \* Good time keeper
- \* Enthusiastic & outgoing
- \* Strong communicator & responsible
- \* Available from 3.45pm Weekdays

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If this sounds like you could be the right person and you are looking to start earning money please feel free to get in touch.

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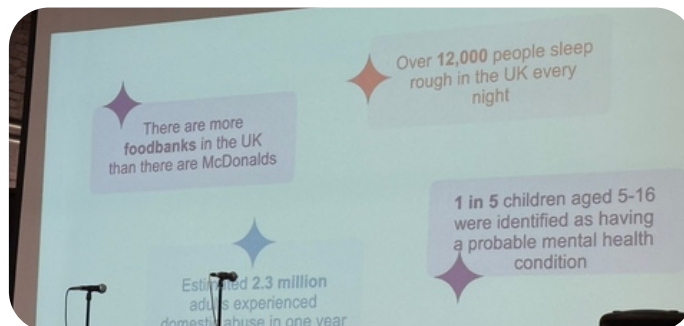
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# Guest Talks & Inspiring Speakers



## First Give Inspires Our Year 8 Students



We are thrilled to be working with First Give again, who recently hosted our Year 8 assembly to kick off an exciting journey in social action.

First Give empowers young people to make a real difference in their communities—exploring social issues, supporting local charities & building confidence along the way.

We can't wait to see our Year 8s in action!

## Inspiring Visit from Author Jo Cotterill

We were thrilled to welcome esteemed author Jo Cotterill to our school, who shared her life story with our students, explaining how and why she became an author and her love for writing.

Following her talk, Jo led interactive workshops for our enthusiastic writers. Using sentence starters and evocative images, she encouraged students to explore their creativity and develop their own stories.

It was a truly inspiring literacy morning, leaving our students motivated and excited about the power of writing and storytelling.



# The Path Ahead – Chalfonts Success Story

## Troy Kershaw Mountaineering Instructor



Introducing Troy Kershaw, a Chalfonts alumni member, who is now a mountaineering instructor.

*"I work as a mountaineering instructor and geology tutor in Scotland, I chose this to enable other people to have adventures and learn about their surroundings."*

## Work Experience Is Coming!

Work experience is a valuable opportunity for students to develop confidence, workplace skills and a better understanding of different careers. During the week of 6th–10th July, our Year 10 and Year 12 students will be taking part in work experience placements. These placements help young people gain insight into the world of work, build communication and teamwork skills, and begin to think about their future career pathways. We are always grateful for the support of our parent and local community, so if you or your organisation may be able to offer a placement for a student during this week, please do get in touch with the school. Your support can make a real difference in helping our students gain meaningful experience and inspiration for their future.

For more information you can email Miss Vinten [kvinten@chalfonts.org](mailto:kvinten@chalfonts.org) or Miss Gilbert [lgilbert@chalfonts.org](mailto:lgilbert@chalfonts.org)



# Charity Commitments



## Staff Go the Extra Mile for Charity

Our staff not only work tirelessly to support and inspire our students each day, but also dedicate their time and energy beyond the classroom to raise money for important charitable causes.

One of the charities we are proud to support is Fight for Sight, a leading UK organisation that funds pioneering research to prevent sight loss and treat eye conditions. Their work helps drive scientific breakthroughs, supports those affected by vision impairment, and aims to create a future where everyone can enjoy healthy vision.

This year, our fundraising efforts include two exciting events.

The first event we are supporting is the Windsor 50 Challenge, with both staff and students taking part in the Windsor 10k run. It is wonderful to see our school community coming together in this way to support such an important cause.

The second sees Ms Flisher taking on the iconic London Marathon on 26th April. This is a fantastic event to be part of, demanding commitment, determination, self-discipline—and, of course, a high level of fitness!

We wish all participants the very best of luck as they prepare for these incredible challenges. If you would like to support their fundraising efforts, please visit the JustGiving pages below:

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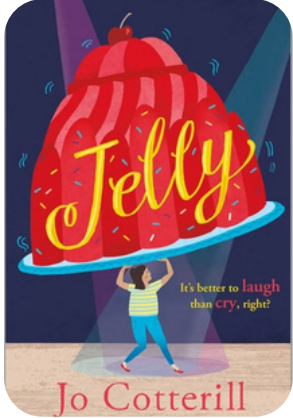
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Ms Flisher (London Marathon):

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# All About Books



## Student Recommendations

### Jelly by Jo Cotterill

Eleven-year-old Jelly hides behind humour and writes secret poems about her worries. When her mum's boyfriend Lennon encourages her to perform at a talent show, she must find courage to reveal her true self.

### The Twelve by Joey Graceffa

Twin sisters Ophelia and Serena, born on the cusp of Pisces and Aries, grow up in an orphanage until they are chosen to join The Twelve, a powerful coven that hunts Dark Witches who steal magic from young witches. On a hidden island, the sisters train—Serena mastering lightning and Ophelia wielding water—but their paths begin to diverge as one seeks power and the other resists it. As darkness closes in, they must choose their destinies, because the stars that grant magic also cast dangerous shadows.



## Sixth Form/ Parents / Staff Recommendations

### Run, Rose, Run by Dolly Parton and James Patterson

A rising star arrives in Nashville to claim her destiny, singing about the hard life she's left behind. But she's on the run from a dark past that threatens to find and destroy her.

(Dolly Parton also wrote an album to accompany this book so if you enjoy it, why not listen to the songs?!)

### The Wasp Trap by Mark Edwards

It starts with an invitation.

A dinner party, years after you all last worked together. When everything ended so suddenly – and shockingly. It is a long time for secrets to be kept. For lies to be uncovered. For revenge to be planned.

Is it a party? Or is it a trap . . .



# *A Community Of Care*

## **Safeguarding Students with Ongoing Medical Needs**

We kindly ask for your support in protecting students who are undergoing medical treatment for serious health conditions. During this time, exposure to infectious diseases can pose **a serious risk to their health**.

Please notify the school **immediately** if your child is suspected of having **measles, chickenpox, shingles, or any other infectious illness**. Additionally, if you believe your child may have been **exposed to another child with one of these conditions**, please contact us via email at **CHolman@chalfonts.org**

It is also important to inform us of **any cases of shingles in your household**, so we can take appropriate precautions to safeguard our students.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and healthy school environment for all.

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## **Parking Safety**

We are writing to remind families about the importance of considerate and safe parking when dropping off and collecting students.

There are concerns regarding unsafe parking around the school. We understand that drop-off and pick-up times can be busy; however, we ask all parents and carers to be mindful of pedestrians and local residents and to ensure that vehicles are parked legally and safely at all times.

In particular, we must ask that the turning circle at the front of the school near Pinetree Close is not used for dropping off, waiting, or turning. This area needs to remain clear to allow safe access for pedestrians and buses. Vehicles using the turning space create visibility issues and increase the risk to students and other road users.

Where possible, we encourage families to consider parking a short distance away and completing the journey on foot.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping to keep our students and the wider community safe.

