

# *The Chalfonts Chronicle*

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## *A Wonderful Start to the Term*

I am delighted to see students return from the Easter break with such enthusiasm and commitment, and adhering so well to our expectations around school uniform and behaviour.

I would also like to share how pleased I am with the attitude shown by our Year 10 students as they undertake their mock GCSE examinations. These provide a valuable insight into their current progress, helping both students and teachers identify strengths and areas for further focus.

Meanwhile, students in Years 11 and 13 are working diligently as their final exams approach. I would like to thank our staff for the additional support they continue to provide—these final weeks can make a significant difference.

You may have seen the recent announcement that the Department for Education is set to introduce a statutory ban on mobile phones. I would like to reassure you that this supports our existing school approach, which will continue unchanged. In fact, we have been ahead in this area since introducing our phone pouch policy in September 2024, ensuring that mobile phones have no place in the school day. This well-established system has already delivered clear benefits, helping students stay focused, reducing distractions, and fostering a calm, purposeful learning environment. We are pleased that national guidance aligns with the positive impact we have already seen in our school community.

I would like to commend both students and staff on their Windsor 10k Challenge, raising money for Fight for Sight, and wish Ms Flisher all the best for her participation in the London Marathon on Sunday.

Well done to Year 13 NVQ Level 3 Beauty Therapy students for the fabulous ‘Beauty & Bloom,’ charity event on Thursday. They demonstrated very high levels of professional skills and event management in which they raised money for The Little Princess Trust, a charity providing free, real-hair wigs to children and young people who have lost their hair due to cancer treatment and other conditions.

It has also been wonderful to see the return of warmer weather and sunshine, I hope it continues for us all this weekend!

Warm regards  
Ms C Whitehead  
Principal



# Charity Commitments

## Staff and Students 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.

Huge congratulations to our students and staff who took part in the Windsor 10K Challenge! Their energy, commitment, and teamwork were truly inspiring, and they should all be incredibly proud of their achievement.

Not only did they complete the challenge with determination, but they also raised an outstanding **£1,700** for Fight for Sight. This is a fantastic accomplishment that will help support vital research and make a real difference to those affected by vision loss.

Well done to everyone involved for representing our community so brilliantly and for contributing to such an important cause.



This Sunday 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:

Ms Flisher (London Marathon):

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Louise-Flisher9>



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## Year 13 Beauty Students host 'Beauty and Bloom' Event



Our Year 13 Beauty students recently hosted a truly special “Beauty and Bloom” charity event, and what a fantastic morning it was. The event showcased not only their professional skills but also their commitment to supporting a meaningful cause.

Guests were warmly welcomed and treated to a range of mini beauty treatments, including manicures, pedicures and relaxing facials.

Alongside the treatments, attendees enjoyed a delightful selection of tea, cakes and biscuits, creating a friendly and sociable atmosphere throughout the morning. The addition of bingo and a raffle brought an extra element of fun, with plenty of laughter and community spirit shared by all who attended.



The event was entirely organised and delivered by our talented students, who demonstrated exceptional professionalism, teamwork and attention to detail from start to finish. Their hard work ensured that every guest had an enjoyable and memorable experience.

Most importantly, the event was held in support of The Little Princess Trust, with all proceeds going towards this wonderful charity. Thanks to the generosity of those who attended and supported the event, our students have contributed to a cause that provides real help and confidence to young people in need.

We are incredibly proud of our Year 13 Beauty students for creating such a successful and worthwhile event. It was a fantastic example of their skills in action and their ability to make a positive difference in the community.



# Sporting Success Stories

## Year 7 Netball Team Crowned League Champions!

Our Year 7 netball team has achieved an outstanding milestone this season, finishing as league champions after an unbeaten run. The team demonstrated exceptional skill, determination, and teamwork throughout, securing victory in every match.

This remarkable accomplishment reflects the players' dedication and commitment, as well as the support from staff and supporters. Congratulations to all involved on a fantastic season.

We look forward to seeing how this talented group continues to develop and build on their success next year.



## Impressive Performances at Buckingham Golf Championships

Over the Easter break, our best golfers represented the school in the Bucks County Golf Championships in Buckingham. In a long and exciting day, our boys did really well as Year 7s **Henry D** finished 18th and 27th (in the handicap and scratch competitions, respectively) and **Grant W** finished 28th and 31st (scratch and handicap) while our year 10s **Ralphie T** finished 20th and 28th (scratch and handicap) and **Alex M** finished 21st and 26th (scratch and handicap)! Well done to all involved!



## Cricket Trials

Cricket Trials were a huge success – and we've now selected our U13 team players. Congratulations to everyone involved!

We're still looking to complete our U15 squad, so if you're interested, please come along to the next trial session this Monday.

We're also excited to have Tanya from Bucks Cricket joining us to share her wisdom and support coaching on the day.



# SEE THE PREMIER LEAGUE & BARCLAYS WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE TROPHIES UP CLOSE

The Chimes Shopping Centre

Saturday 2 May, 10:00-16:00, outside Lidl



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Ever wanted to see sporting trophies in the flesh?  
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LET'S RAISE SOME DOUGH!

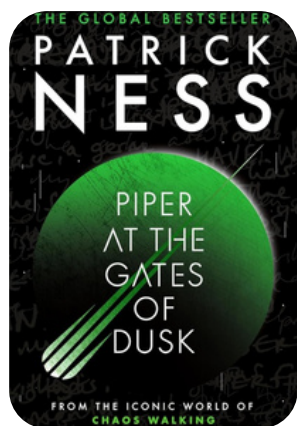


£1.50 PER  
ORIGINAL  
GLAZED  
DOUGHNUT

The CCC PTA will be selling Krispy Kreme Original Glazed doughnuts at school on **Friday 1st May**. Buy yours in advance via ParentPay!

All proceeds will go towards PTA fundraising to provide an all weather outdoor canopy and toilet refurbishments that all students will benefit from.

# All About Books



## Student Recommendations

### Piper At The Gates Of Dusk by Patrick Ness

*In New World, there were no secrets. Everyone could hear everyone else's thoughts in a constant, overwhelming Noise. Then a cure came – one that the second generation took from birth. Peace descended, wars ended, communication was silenced.*

*Until now . . .*

### Her Hidden Fire by Clíodhna O'Sullivan

*Éadha discovers she has forbidden power in a society where elites exploit others. Hiding her gift, she secretly supports her friend Ionáin while training among the ruling class. As she uncovers the system's cruelty and faces conflicted love, she must choose between loyalty and truth.*



## Sixth Form/ Parents / Staff Recommendations

### Onyx Storm by Rebecca Yarros

*After 18 months at Basgiath, Violet faces a real war with no time left to train. As enemies close in, she must leave Navarre to find allies beyond the wards. The journey is dangerous and tests her limits, but she risks everything to protect her dragons, loved ones, and a secret that could destroy them all.*

### Absolute Proof by Peter James

*Investigative reporter Ross Hunter almost ignores a call that could change the world. A stranger claims to have absolute proof of God's existence—and wants Ross to reveal it. But as powerful figures and belief systems come under threat, Ross must stay alive long enough to uncover the truth.*



# A Community Of Care

## 'What I wish my parents or carers knew...': a guide for parents and carers on children's digital lives (Children's Commissioner)

The Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza, has published a guide to help parents and carers navigate the challenge of managing children's everyday online habits. Written with direct input from children and young people, including teenagers consulted in schools and the Commissioner's Youth Ambassadors. The guide is designed to make difficult conversations easier and more regular.

The guide covers setting boundaries around phone use, talking about harmful content, and building ongoing communication that goes beyond a one-off conversation. The voice of young people runs through it, including this from one teenager: "Don't be afraid to be firm... If you are worried your child is seeing harmful content and you don't know what they're watching and it's affecting their behaviour, just take it that you know best, they don't."

For DSLs, this is a practical resource to share with parents and carers, particularly at transition points or where online harms are presenting in school. Four versions are available to download: the main parent and carer guide, an activity pack for children, and print-ready single-page versions of both.

The downloads can be found here: <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/resource/what-i-wish-my-parents-or-carers-knew-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers-on-managing-childrens-digital-lives>

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## The Hidden Dangers of Pinterest - White Hatter

Pinterest tends to fly under the radar. Unlike Instagram or TikTok, it has never attracted the same level of public concern, it's older, it's built around image collections, and most parents consider it benign, if they think about it at all.

That perception is the problem. The White Hatter, a Canadian digital safety organisation, published a blog post recently after supporting two families whose children had shared intimate images via Pinterest's direct messaging feature. In both cases, the parents had no idea the platform had a messaging function.

It's a broader pattern worth raising with parents. Platforms that present as visual or creative tools like Pinterest, VSCO, Tumblr, Lemon8, Canva, Amino, often include messaging features that aren't obvious. The question worth putting to parents isn't "what app is my child using?" but "what can that app actually do?"

The article is a short, practical read:

<https://www.thewhitehatter.ca/post/what-parents-didn-t-know-about-pinterest-matters-for-all-caregivers>



# A Community Of Care



## Parent and Carers

Our School Nursing Team can help with things like:

Behaviour management

Development

Toileting

Wellbeing

Healthy eating

Sleep

Emotional health

Find advice on supporting your child's health and wellbeing.



[www.healthforkids.co.uk/buckinghamshire](http://www.healthforkids.co.uk/buckinghamshire)

Message your local school nursing team:

07312 263 175

Or scan the QR code to start a chat:



### ParentCarer Chat

A confidential text-based service from Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust School Nursing Service. Parents and carers of school-aged children can message a qualified School Nurse for advice and support on common health and wellbeing concerns, including behaviour, healthy eating, and puberty. All messages are answered directly by the School Nursing Team.



# FREE

## Self-defence class

Brought to you by the Community Safety Partnership, South East Bucks Community Board and Bucks Pro-Mai.

This 2hr class aims to empower ladies and girls, that live, work or study in the Community Board Area, with the understanding of how to pre-empt any potential situations through pre-defence and if a situation does arise the skills and knowledge of how to defend themselves.



### Denham Village Memorial Hall

Village Rd, Denham, Uxbridge UB9 5BN

**9th May 1.30pm**

Attendees must be 12 or over and those under 16 must be accompanied by a participating adult.

Class numbers will be limited.

Scan the QR code to sign up!



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