

Where has this year gone!? Our thoughts and best wishes must go to our Year 11 and 13 students who will be collecting their exam results in August. I will be there with them on both days to help, support and most importantly – **CONGRATULATE!**

Given the decline in school funding that many schools are facing, I am working with fundraising professionals *Hutt & Co*, who have undertaken a feasibility study to look at exciting plans for our development, which I hope to publish very early next term. I want our school to have excellent facilities that support our learning for the benefit of your children.

As we move to the last few days of the school year, the fantastic opportunities for Chalfonts' students continue. The D of E Gold Expedition has returned safely from the Tatra Mountains in Poland; we have a year 9 World Challenge trip off to Iceland and a year 11/Sixth Form World Challenge trip in Madagascar, as I write this! Absolutely life changing opportunities, I am sure you would agree.

I hope you all have a peaceful summer break, ready for the challenge of the new academic year. Thank you to you all for your continued support to our school – it is always greatly appreciated.



**Mr Russell Denial - Principal**

THE CHALFONTS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

July 2019

# CHALFONTS' NEWS



*Success is an Attitude*

## Hello!

On Tuesday 2nd July, over 250 Year 6 students from all across Buckinghamshire hurried excitedly through the gates of our school onto the tennis courts ready for their transition day.

Transition day is a chance for prospective Year 6 students to experience a day in the life of a student at secondary school. Students were met by their tutors, attended a short assembly by the Leader for Year 7, Miss Keitch, and then went off to their new form groups to mingle with students from all the different primary schools. Following tutor time, they had a taste of four lessons, a break time in our Year 7 quad and a tasty lunch in one of our cafes.

The day finished with students back in their tutor rooms doing a team-building activity to see who could build the tallest tower made only out of newspaper. All students were also given an induction booklet packed with information written by our students including poems and thoughts about their time at the school. In the evening, parents had the chance to come in and hear from Miss Keitch and meet their child's form tutor over refreshments in the sun.

I would like to thank everyone involved in this process and especially all the parents for engaging extremely positively with their child's transition to big school. I wish you all a great summer!

Mr Vahora - Assistant Principal

**820** students have been involved in the celebration events for the Positive Ethos system.

**150** students have enjoyed 'Tea with the Principal'.

**10,564** merits were awarded during the two week 'Merit Challenge'

## Goodbye!

On Friday 24th May, we said goodbye to our Year 13 students with an afternoon assembly, followed by a Leavers' Ball at The Pinewood Hotel.

The assembly showcased the highlights of their time at The College and awards voted for by teachers and their peers were presented. The Ball was a 'black tie' event with some glamorous outfits on the red carpet. A big thank you to the Leavers Ball committee for their help in organising the event.

We wish Year 13s well with their future endeavours and look forward to some great results in August.

Mr Way - Leader for 6th Form



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# Thoughts from Year 7

## The best thing about our school is:

*"The school trips and PE because we do so many different sports."*

*"If you have a problem in school, they sort it for you."*

*"You do lots of practicals in Technology."*

## My best memory of year 7 is:

*"The trip to HOAC; it was all about team building."*

*"Meeting all my amazing new friends."*

*"Our bonding trip in our first week; it was so much fun."*

## Why new students will enjoy this school:

*"You will make lots of new friends."*

*"It is fun and you will love all the trips you are offered."*

*"There are lots of clubs you can join, for example netball and art club."*

# CONGRATULATIONS to 87 of our students who have been awarded a trip to 'Liquid Leisure'



We are very proud of our students who were rewarded for having the most merit/achievement points over the last term, for aspirational work, effort and exceptional respect to others and the environment.



# 3<sup>rd</sup>

Yr 7 and 12  
start

# 4<sup>th</sup>

Yrs 8-11 and 13  
start

# 5<sup>th</sup>

School  
photographs

## Do something drastic, say no to single use plastic!

It's predicted that by 2050 the oceans will contain more plastic by weight than fish! Every minute the equivalent of a truck full of plastic is emptied into the world's oceans and here at The Chalfonts we want to be part of the change; do you?

Our student led Eco-club are keen to make some huge changes here on the school site and this is not going to be an easy task.

In the month of May 2018 we sold just shy of 14,000 single use plastic bottles from our vending machines. Thankfully, our year on year unit sales have almost halved as this May we sold 7912 units. This reduction is a great start but to put this into perspective, we were only in school for 17 days in May which equates to 1 in 3 students buying a single use bottle per day.

We are proud to announce our re-useable branded Chalfonts bottles. Double walled, vacuum insulated stainless steel bottles that are designed to keep cold drinks cool for up to 24hrs and hot drinks hot for up to 12 hours.

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This is the first step in a long march towards a better, single use plastic free world so please buy one of our branded bottles now via parent pay for £12.50 and show the world we support the removal of single use plastic.

We are always looking for parental and business support to improve our recycling facilities here at The Chalfonts. If you are interested in supporting our efforts to change our current practice here at The Chalfonts please email [corriefenner@chalfonts.org](mailto:corriefenner@chalfonts.org).



For photos and more info click here

# Work Experience - July 2019

At the time of writing this piece our Year 10 students are on work experience. They are experiencing a wide range of placements: engineering, creative media, advertising, animal welfare, education, administration, retail, design, sports management, broadcasting, hospitality, finance, mechanics, voluntary work, the list goes on.

When the students return to school they will have a debrief session so that experiences can be shared and a range of job roles discovered.

Applying for work experience in an area of interest requires a lot of hard work and planning - researching employers, writing letters of application and attending interviews. This process will help students discover a possible career path and gain an insight into the 'world of work'.

As our young people embark on Year 11, they should feel motivated to give 100% to their GCSE courses to achieve the best results they possibly can, this will assist them in their future career paths.

**Mrs Gilbey - Work Experience  
Co-ordinator**

## Quotes from Employers

*"She has been an excellent student due to her enthusiasm, confidence and excellent communication skills. The job we do, would suit her because she has a natural way of dealing with the customers. We would have her back with us tomorrow. It has been a pleasure to have had her for the week."*

*"She has been a breath of fresh air in the branch. I am pleased we were able to gain her access to different parts of the bank and she understands the different roles. I wish you all the best in the future for your chosen career path."*

*"The student was enthusiastic about his role within the mechanical team from day one. He showed great skill and carried out the tasks with confidence. I personally would recommend him to any future employer and wish him all the best for the future."*



## HEAD BOY CONGRATULATIONS HEAD GIRL

**Oskar  
Bogdanowicz**

**Holly  
Symons**

### Year 12 students deliver 'World of Work' Programme

We are so proud of 6 of our year 12 students, Esther Tyler, Rebecca Suresh, Riley Hinds, Ellie Court, Alice Campling and Oskar Bogdanowicz who delivered an extremely successful 'World of Work' programme to our year 6 students of one of our feeder schools, St Joseph's Catholic School in Chalfont St Peter on July 9th.

The students facilitated a number of activities, including Career Pictionary, a Careers Trump Card game, an employability skills discussion and some self-reflection. Our students were such great ambassadors for our school; responding to questions, initiating discussions and encouraging the year 6 students to participate in the activities. They were leading classes of 20 children on their own, keeping them engaged and interested. This experience will have given the Sixth Formers some amazing evidence to add to their personal statements, CVs and LinkedIn profiles!

This is what the year 6 students had to say:

*"It has got me thinking about what I want to do when I'm older."*

*"It has inspired me about the opportunities I have."*

This is what our Sixth Formers felt about the programme:

*"The day was fun and I really enjoyed interacting with the Year 6s"* – Alice Campling

*"I really enjoyed the day! I was surprised by how much the Year 6s already knew about jobs and qualifications"* – Esther Tyler

## Chalfonts Alumni Return

On Monday 15th July we were delighted to welcome back into school two of our ex-students (Ella MacDonald and Lauren Thorn) to present to our Year 12s.

They were here to share their recent experiences of apprenticeship roles within Siemens UK as part of the Apprenticeships Information Event organised by the Employability Dept to show other post 18 options. Ella & Lauren presented to the year group and then took part in a Q&A along with representatives from the APM (Association of Project Managers) and ASK (Apprenticeship Skills & Knowledge). With their recent UCAS Information Event, Year 12s are now more equipped to make decisions about their post 18 futures next school year.

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**Mrs Sanders - Leader for Employability  
Mrs Darvill - Sixth Form Learning Centre**

# Leading Parent Partnership Award



In the last Newsletter, we introduced the Leading Parent Partnership Award and shared that the school is actively working towards this accreditation for the Summer of 2020. The School recognises that parents play a crucial role in the holistic development of the students and is committed to finding out how to include parents in school life, working towards a true model of embedded partnership.

## Actions taken so far:

- The working group is in place and this consists of a Senior Leader, members of staff from the Pastoral, Administration and Employability teams, a Parent Representative who has three children in the school, a Governor and students from the Student Council.
- Communications have been sent out to Senior Leaders, Governors, Staff, Parents, the Chalfont St Peter Chamber of Commerce and other external agencies, explaining the Award.
- The Parent representative and Student Council have had tours around the school and given feedback on signage, reinforcement of our vision and our celebration of successes. As a result of this,

we have had new, professional photos taken of students and the school, we are reviewing our signage and are working on raising the profile of our school vision.

- The 'new look' school Newsletter has been introduced to celebrate the great achievements of our students, and the first edition was sent out in May.
- A review of the school website is taking place to ensure information is easily accessible to parents/carers.
- Parents/carers of our new year 7s have been invited into the school for a coffee after the first school 'drop off' in September
- Our reception area has received very good feedback since the introduction of the online check in process; this is a more efficient process for visitors.
- The school policies have been updated to align with the parent partnership ethos within the school.

**The LPPA Committee**



23<sup>rd</sup>

Music trip to the  
Royal Albert Hall -  
Evening Event



9/10<sup>th</sup>

Open Day 6pm-9pm  
Open Day 9am-12pm

## Sports Awards 2019

Our PE Department recently held the seventh annual Sports Awards Evening. This year alone the students have competed in a combined total of over **200 fixtures**. As a thank you to all the students we organise this prestigious event that is invite only and limited to a select few. A huge well done is extended to all the students who represent our school in any sporting event!



This year's award of Sportsperson of the Year 2019 went to **Ben Peters**, who has shown fantastic leadership, outstanding performance, commitment and willingness to PE. He has been an important part of a District and County Cup winning Football team. As well as being hard working and a top performer within BTEC Sport and a fantastic role model to others. Congratulations Ben!

**Ms Noble - PE Dept**  
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## Design Competition Winner!

Congratulations to **Charlotte Burger**, Year 12 Media student, for winning a book cover design competition for a new publication by author Brian W. Caves. A very professional design we think you'll agree!

**Ms Piggott - Leader for Media Studies**



# Fantastic History Trips!

## Battlefields trip – year 8

A very long, but worthwhile and memorable day was had by all when our year 8s went out on the History Department's battlefields trip.

We visited Tyne Cot, the largest British and Commonwealth cemetery, the German Langemark cemetery and Essex Farm cemetery where the youngest British tommy was buried, at only 15 years old. This is also the site where John Macrae in May 1915, a Canadian medic, wrote the famous poem 'In Flanders Field', which was read out to our students.



We returned to Ypres to visit the Flanders Field Museum and to liberate some Belgian chocolate. We then headed off to Calais and our ferry home.

[Click here for more info and the poem](#)

**Mr Leybourne - History Dept**

## Hughenden Manor trip - Year 12

Ten of our year 12 students visited Hughenden Manor which was purchased by Benjamin Disraeli as his country home in 1848.

They explored the house and gardens to obtain a real feel for its history. Its library contains a rich array of books and its dining room is adorned with a portrait of Queen Victoria who was once a guest for lunch.

[Click here for more](#)

## Museum of Empire at Canary Wharf - Year 12

The A level History group recently travelled into London to visit the London Docklands Museum at Canary Wharf. As part of our day out in London the students walked under the Thames from the Isle of Dogs to Greenwich through the Victorian pedestrian tunnel beneath the river. We arrived in Greenwich to see the Cutty Sark. We also visited Greenwich Market. A great day out that truly brought history to life.

[Click here for more](#)



including visits to;

**46 trips** over the whole year

Poland, Italy, Germany, Belgium, Canada and Amsterdam.

## Geography Trip to Epping Forest & QE Olympic Park

Perfectly planned to get our lovely GCSE students out into the environment in early Summer weather, Mr Taylor and the Geographers took the whole of the Year 10 cohort out on Field trips to **Epping Forest** and **The Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park**. These essential field trips are a feature of the GCSE exams and give our students the edge over other GCSE students in being able to complete a whole section of GCSE a year earlier.

Sadly, we had rain – lots and lots of rain – just a sprinkle in Epping Forest then a proper hosing in Stratford, but it did not dampen their spirits!

As a newcomer to the school, I was immensely impressed. The organisation by Miss Whitehead left no stone unturned and the map reading skills of Mr Keane ensured that we knew where we were, even if the coach drivers were sometimes unsure.... Mrs Adkins found that even the locals were stopping to listen to her expert points about the area and Miss Evans managed to save her whole group from following Mr Keane through a dancing and dousing water feature. I was also overwhelmed by the support of the staff, especially those who came along to help for the two days.

Above all, the students were brilliant. In spite of the awful weather conditions, their humour and hard work never wavered and now that the resource booklets have finally dried out; it is amazing to see how much they managed to complete! Well done everyone – now here's hoping for just a bit of SUN when we go on the Year 12 trip to Swanage in July!

**Mr Cuthbert - Leader for Geography**



## Bucks School Games

A small group of students were invited to represent The Chalfonts in the Bucks School Games at Stoke Mandeville Stadium on Thursday 4th July.

The students had the opportunity to take part in a Boccia and Curling competition. They all had a fabulous day and played with determination, honesty, passion, respect and team work which represent the true values of the games.

Our students won the majority of the Boccia games and received the 'Fair Play award' and were also delighted to collect a medal at the end of the ceremony.

Well done to **Archie Hill, Harry Bond, Owen Butler, Ryan Butler, Mia Cross, Cai Hughes, Ta-Fari Mason, James McDonald, Hafzaa Rashad** and **Oliver Tomson-Smith**. A very big thank you to Mr Charge (Teacher of PE and Year Leader) Mrs Beck and Mrs Stewart (LSA's) who also attended and supported the event.

**Mrs Jones - ARP Manager, Learning Support**



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(**@ccc6thform**)

## A Level Art & Photography Exhibition 2019

On Thursday 20<sup>st</sup> June 2019, parents, students, staff and friends came to celebrate the work produced by our extremely talented Fine Art and Photography A-Level students at their annual Art Exhibition.

The exhibition displayed their wealth of talent ranging from printing and painting, to sculpture and dark room photography amongst many other disciplines. The Fine Art and Photography students made pieces in response to trips to Berlin, London, Amsterdam plus their coursework and exam themes.

The Art team are extremely proud of the hard work and skill that our students have demonstrated producing exciting and ambitious work.

We wish our students all the very best as they go onto university and embark on the next stage of their education.

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We are privileged to be supported by the wonderful organisation, The Arts Society Chiltern (CDFAS). Their representatives Wendy Wrigley and Sarah Mulligan selected two student's work to receive the Christopher Chevasse annual prize. This year we were fortunate to have two prizes each of £100 going to **Jack Pittman** for his skilful Photography and **Amy Greenwood** for her extensive multi-disciplined Artwork.

**Mrs Blick & the Art Team**

[Click here for more photos](#)



## Junior Mathematical Challenge

In April, the Mathematics department invited students from Years 7 and 8 to sit the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge. The Maths Challenge is a national competition that encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems.

Over 270,000 high achieving pupils from more than 4000 schools and colleges across the UK participated in the JMC. Students have to answer 25 questions in 60 minutes. Only the top 40% of scorers nationally are awarded certificates, with roughly the top 6% receiving a gold certificate, the next 13% a silver and the next 21% a bronze. Congratulations go to our two gold certificate winners: **Emilia Maciejewska** and **Chloe Kentish-Finn**, both in Year 8, and well done **Emilia** for also being awarded the Best in School Award.

Pupils at our school achieved: **2 Gold, 8 Silver** and **21 Bronze** certificates in this year's challenge, which is brilliant news given they are competing against the best mathematicians in the whole of the UK for their age group.

The Maths department are very proud of all the students that entered the challenge and hope to give more students a chance at the next challenge to reveal the mathematical talent at the school.

**Mr Vahora - Maths Dept**

[Click here for more info and an example of a question](#)



## USEFUL LINKS:

**Young Minds**  
Supporting & empowering  
young people through life's  
difficulties

**The Proud  
Trust**  
LGBT+  
Online support &  
information

**Family Lives**  
Online support for  
parents & families

**CCC Vacancies**  
Join our amazing  
team!

## Year 7 Travel Back In Time To The Industrial Revolution

Starting early, 49 year 7 students left school to begin their day out at the Black Country Living Museum in the West Midlands. On arrival, we were quickly escorted to the coal mine entrance and with hard hats and torches we ventured into the dark depths of the coal mine. We became witnesses to the challenging conditions in a Victorian coal mine which for coal miners and children as young as nine years old was hard, dirty and dangerous work.



Our next visit was to a Victorian school. A teacher holding a cane escorted the pupils to their uncomfortable chairs. On their desks was a piece of chalk and a slate to write upon. "A Victorian Ipad" someone commented. The lesson started by reciting the 12 times table. A boy was directed to the naughty corner and Mr Leybourne gave 'six of the best' with the cane...well almost!

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**Mr Leybourne - History Dept**



We then walked to the canal barges and through the limestone caverns which were created by workers digging out the minerals to provide iron ore and flux for iron and steel making. Back on dry land, we ventured into a nearby factory that made animal traps of all shapes and sizes. These traps were then transported all over the British Empire.

## District Sports...

On Tuesday 2nd July, students from Yr7-10 took part in the District Athletics Competition and we had some great performances and results.



[Click here for results](#)