



THE CHALFONTS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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CHALFONTS NEWS



Success is an Attitude

Issue 3

Spreading Christmas Cheer!

A big 'thank you' to all parents and children from the *Chiltern Foodbank*

Dave Worrall, the Co-ordinator at the *Chiltern Foodbank*, along with the *Trussell Trust*, want to thank all the pupils, parents and staff at The Chalfonts Community College for their donations of food and other essential goods for those in need. Seven students from Year 7 delivered the goods to the foodbank and saw first hand how desperate things are for people in our local area. The total weight of the donations was 124.7 kilograms which will help feed eighteen people for three days.

For more information please visit:
www.chiltern.foodbank.org.uk



Christmas Hampers

Many thanks to our Sixth Form students who have created some beautiful hampers which have been delivered to Gold Hill Baptist Church this week.



Sixth Form Panto

Our sixth form students will be performing '*A Christmas Carol*' on Friday, the last day of term. Younger students attending have been awarded VIP tickets for achieving the highest number of merits over the term.

Judging by rehearsals, it's going to be a fun and vibrant show with some outstanding performances! It will be a great end of term treat, which will enable the audience to get into the Christmas spirit.



£583 raised for
'Movember'
Cancer Charity

82% of students voted in the
CCC Election

£1,292 raised on
'Christmas Jumper Day'

Employability Skills Day

On Wednesday 13th November, Yr 11 students were off timetable for the day to experience an Employability Skills Day. Students spent time in the main hall talking to individuals representing a variety of professions ranging from healthcare, retail, engineering, public services, marketing, leisure and tourism, hair and beauty, the music industry, veterinary, construction ...

Students chose to attend four workshops from a list of twelve, which included an *Introduction to Apprenticeships*, *Careers in IT*, *Working in the Creative Sector*, *Careers in the STEM subjects*, *Going to University*, *Interview Skills*, *Working in Hospitality/Catering*, *Careers in Health Care*, *Working in the Beauty Industry* and *Starting Your Own Business*.

In addition to this, students also experienced a 1:1 interview with a professional from outside the school. At

the end of their interview students were given positive feedback and advice on areas to improve upon.

The Employability Skills Day is a great opportunity for our students to broaden their knowledge and horizons, inspire them and further build their confidence. We are also hoping it will assist our young people to make well informed decisions about their futures. The students took full advantage of the day and were excellent ambassadors for our school!

The Chalfonts welcomed over 90 visitors to the school. We would like to thank all the professionals who represented their field and organisation, those who delivered the workshops and to parents and members of our local community who volunteered to interview the students. Without their time, support and expertise the day would not have been possible.

[Click here for more photos](#)



Hello fellow Bookworm-ers

If you are an avid reader, an occasional reader or even just a fan of reading, please come and join us on a Thursday! **Miss Tahmazian** and **Miss Gilbert** present the lunchtime book club; a place to widen your reading horizon but also discuss books together.

We look forward to seeing you!



Artwork
by
**Eleanor
Desouza**



7th

First day of term

23rd

Yr11 Parents Evening
4.00pm - 7.00pm

Tea with the Principal

Congratulations to the following students who have been treated to Tea with Mr Denial, or a trip to Costa, for excellent attendance and achieving the highest number of merits. **Paige Pickin, Lilly Downes, Isabella Fitzjohn, Olivia Gauld, Nathan Chick, Oscar Elsworth, Alina Matskovich, Brook Plant, Amelia Savage, Alexa Weatherall, Tai Palmer, William Waring, Denis Hajnik, Lucy Evans, Louisa Arnold, Isabella Bruen, Ryan Cooke, Neve Holdom, Connie Jones, Eve Murphy, Shanti Pickin, Olivia Sheehan, Phoebe Simpson, Mia Tilley-Reeve, Harrison Tindall, Kaia Launder, Kristiyan Ivanov, Louis Bryant, Christopher Jones, Thinal Herath, Tamzyn Dormer, Olivia Barr, Katie Hardy, Alexia Osei, Poppy Collyer, Rhia Bhamra, Callum Bradbury, Rosie Butler, Marco Mallia, Jack Moody, Oliver Tomson-Smith, Lydia Alty, Ryan Butler** and **Lucas Ross**.

Also, well done to the students who have been awarded VIP tickets to the end of term Panto, had pizza parties and mufti days, for good attendance and the number of merits they have achieved over this term. Many congratulations!



GB Team Under 19's

Many congratulations to **Alex Woodcock** who has made the 2020 Team GB under 19 Paintball squad. Alex has worked extremely hard over the last few years at his passion in Speedball and Paintball. He is the youngest player ever to represent his country.

Very well done Alex and we wish you lots of luck in the GB squad!



Follow our 6th Form on INSTAGRAM (@ccc_6th_form)

Why not join us?



Reading is an essential part of our everyday life so, at The Chalfonts Community College, we encourage our students to embrace the habit. This September, our Yr 7 students took part in the **Book Trust's Bookbuzz** reading programme, which aims to inspire our students to be excited about reading.

From a list of seventeen books, students were asked to investigate the books/authors and make their choice of a book to keep as their own. Finishing their Bookbuzz book should be the start of an adventure for our Yr7 students. Regardless of their interests, there are thousands of fantastic books out there to discover and capture the imagination.



This week's book recommendation is...

Mr Quéré recommends ***The Baltimore Boys*** by Joel Dicker.

I read this book in its original version (French). I had to force myself to go to sleep and even woke up at night to read what was happening next. It is so well written and the twists and suspense in the story are amazing. The stories within the book all lead so well to the final event. A great book!

The day of the tragedy. The end of a brotherhood.
The Baltimore Boys. The Goldman Gang. That was what they called Marcus Goldman and his cousins Woody and Hillel. Three brilliant young men with dazzling futures ahead of them, before their kingdom crumbled beneath the weight of lies, jealousy and betrayal. For years, Marcus has struggled with the burdens of his past, but now he must attempt to banish his demons and tell the true and astonishing story of the Baltimore Boys.

Synopsis



Promoting a love of problem solving

Earlier this month, students in Years 11-13 competed in the **UKMT Senior 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. Although it is a multiple choice test, it is very, very tough!

Over 90,000 pupils from across the UK competed in the challenge and this year we had our first Gold medal won by Colin Murray in Y13. Colin also managed to qualify for the follow-up round called the Senior Kangaroo. Eve Taylor who is only in Y11 got a silver which is a fantastic feat given the challenge is predominantly sat by A level maths and further maths

students in Y12 & Y13.

Overall, pupils at the school achieved: 1 Gold, 2 Silver and 6 Bronze medals in this year's Challenge which is brilliant news. The winners are as follows:

Gold: **Colin Murray** (Y13)

Silver: **Louis Cooke** (Y12) and **Eve Taylor** (Y11)

Bronze: **Sam Dowling & Aais Bukhari** (Y13); **Tommy David, Adam Smith & Alex King** (Y12) and **George Kimber** (Y11)

Colin, Sam, Louis and Tommy will also be representing the school at the Regional Finals of the Senior Team Maths Challenge next week which will take place at St Pauls School and we wish them all the best of luck.

Many congratulations to all the students who entered the competition. Next up is the Intermediate Maths Challenge in February (Y9-11) and the

Junior Challenge in April (Y7 & 8).

If you would like to know more about the Maths Challenge, please visit: <https://www.ukmt.org.uk/about-us/>

Mr Vahora



PaSTA's first Christmas Fair

Wednesday 27th November, saw the first event organised by the newly formed PaSTA.

The CCC Christmas Fair was put together by a group of 12 parents and then created on the day by a tribe of about 30 super-heros who organised a massive amount of raffle prizes and two huge tombolas which made a lot of people very happy. They helped to organise the stall holders, run the bar, the games and the BBQ, made cakes and poured tea. They also decorated the school and tidied it up. The enthusiasm of the students was infectious - at 3.06pm we were suddenly surrounded by a crowd of children asking "what do you what me to do Miss"... "How can I help Miss"... With muscle, brains and teamwork they put the show on the road!

The stalls started to arrive and the hall really did look



lovely and festive. The wine mulled, the sausages sizzled, the tea and cakes flowed. We had many children with their families, staff and members of the community all coming together to enjoy some food, shopping and Christmas themed fun. We were so grateful to those from the choir who came to bless us with their angelic voices and bring a lovely traditional feel to the event.

The feedback has been tremendous - so many people glad to feel part of the school community, to meet up and share in bringing together a great festivity and we raised nearly **£3,000!** No sooner had we packed it all away than people were asking when the next event will be! PaSTA will get their heads together again soon and begin to plan the next great opportunity to meet and share some fun.

Mel Gizzy - Chair of PaSTA [Click here for more photos](#)



14th

End of term

15th

Yr 7/8 Ski Trip

24th

Yr 13

Mock Exams start

18 **TRIPS** carried out so far this academic year including;

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, THE TATE, ROYAL ALBERT HALL, UNI TRIPS and THE SOMME (FRANCE)

Carols at Lunch time

Every day, at lunch time, students and some members of the Learning Support team, gather to sing Christmas carols in Learning Support. It is a lot of fun and cheers us all up. The students decide what song to sing next, and they are very much involved.

Jingle bells and Merry Christmas!



Sixth Form Music Gig

On Tuesday 3rd December the Yr 12 and Yr 13 music students put on a showcase of songs they have been working on this year.

Kyna Boyle, Daisy Adams and **Rosanna Zenga** from Yr 12, **Kaylah Crumpler, Tom Oakley, Joe Roebuck** and **Eleanor Patterson** from Yr 13, each performed 4 times – some singing and some playing piano, guitar, drums as well.

All produced excellent performances and we look forward to the final gig for the Yr 13s next year when they will be graded.



CCC Election - Decision Time!

On Thursday 12th December, as you all made your way to the polling booth to mark that all-important cross, the students at our school ran a parallel General Election during tutor time, **#CCCGE2019**.

The election was set up by the student Government with the help of **Mr Holland** and in the weeks running up to the GE, students were taught how to make informed decisions. This included: watching the news, reading newspaper articles, recognising fake news, reading party manifestoes and most importantly listening to each other.

We want our students to leave school knowing what voting is



all about and how it will affect or enrich their lives. In tutor time, students discussed policies on: the economy, the NHS, funding cuts to public services, immigration, crime and not to mention, Brexit!

Look away now if you don't want to know how your children voted in **#CCCGE2019**:

Conservatives: 450 votes (37%)

The Green Party: 223 votes (18%)

Labour: 219 votes (18%)

Liberal Democrats: 208 votes (17%)

Spoiled Ballots: 119 votes (10%)

Mr Vahora

Year 9 trip to Bucks New University

We had an amazing day at **Bucks New University**, in High Wycombe, with a group of our year 9 students, introducing them to university life. The students participated in several activities to help them understand the cost of university, the many exciting subjects they could study, what type of learners they are and what makes a perfect student.

There was a competitive aspect to all the activities, with groups winning tokens throughout the day. We were then taken on a tour of the University. It has a new building with a fantastic library, sports hall, music and performing arts studios and flight simulator.

The students all participated in the activities and engaged well with the **University Student Ambassadors**. Many of the students have said that the information was extremely useful and are now considering this route as an option in the future. [Click here for more photos](#)



UKMT Team Challenge

On Monday 2nd December, The **Advanced Mathematics Support Programme** (AMSP) invited us to this year's **Senior Team Maths Challenge** at St Paul's School in London. The four of us had been chosen because we got medals in the SMC held earlier in the month and in the team challenge we competed against students from some of the highest performing fee paying schools from around Greater London. It was an afternoon of doing some pretty hard maths and we did extremely well and

survived all four rounds given we only prepared for this the day before! We want to thank **Mr Gomme** for taking and supporting us and **Mr Vahora** for organising the event.

Tommy and **Louis** (Y12), **Colin** and **Sam** (Y13)



Off to Reading University

We are delighted, and excited, to be returning to **Reading University** again with 14 of our Year 10 students, to commence another **Reading Scholars Programme**. We will be visiting the University four times over the next seven months and will be participating in a variety of workshops and activities that will give our students an insight into what it is like to be at university. Staff members and student mentors will be available to help answer questions such as: 'What could I study? What qualifications will I need? Will I enjoy student life? Where can university lead me?'

During the first visit, we will meet the mentors who will be working with us and will be introduced to the programme. The students will be encouraged to start thinking about their goals and aspirations. We are looking forward to our journey over the next few months!



Is your child a budding guitarist?
Lessons are available at CCC
with **Mark Lague**.
Contact mark.lague@btinternet.com
for details



1,238+ people follow the college on **TWITTER**



(**@ccchalfonts**)

(**@ccc6thform**)

Visit to Healthtec, Aylesbury – years 8, 9 and 10

A group of year 8, 9 and 10 students had an amazing opportunity last week to visit the new state-of-the-art HealthTec facility based at the Aylesbury Campus of the Buckinghamshire College group. HealthTec provide students with a practical insight into the 350+ careers available within the NHS and the Health & Social Care sector.

The workshop was extremely interactive and gave our students a chance to learn and practice some first aid skills, understand how a defibrillator might work, look inside a cardboard ambulance and learn about initial checks a Paramedic might carry out.

The students were also helped to understand how difficult daily tasks can be for elderly people, such as getting into the bath, crossing a busy road and making a cup of tea.

It was great to see the number of roles that might be available within the NHS and the various paths students can take to reach a goal. It was a very informative day.

[Click here for more photos](#)



Young Enterprise Team meet the Dragons

Many congratulations to our Year 12 students; **Katie, Beth, Sam, Dan** and **Akira**, who pitched their Young Enterprise Business idea of bio-degradable terrariums to five Dragons, alongside eight other schools in the area – **and won the full £250 investment on offer**.

The Young Enterprise Programme is an annual event and our students volunteer to be a part of this. We have three external Business Advisors who come into school to mentor and offer advice to the students. The programme is sponsored by **Barnet Waddingham**, in Amersham and the final presentations took part in their offices, in their Board room.

The Dragons included **John Rushmere**, a Corporate Banker, **Keith Long**, a qualified Accountant from Nestle, **Elizabeth Kolb-Barnetson**, the co-founder and CEO of Axion Now and **Angus Murray** an International Business Development Manager.

The bio-degradable terrariums come in small, medium and large sizes and there are also Christmas themed ones on offer. The Dragons were so impressed with the idea, particularly the fact that they are sustainable, that they decided to buy two of the products! The students will be reinvesting the money into more stock and have already pulled together an advertising poster. They are showcasing their products at other fayres, leading up to Christmas.

The students were absolutely amazing; acting so professionally and presenting with such confidence. Well done Team; you should be extremely proud of yourselves.



'Live Broadcast' from our school to others across the UK

We are very excited to have hosted a 'live broadcast' out to several schools across the UK today, about a particular course being offered by Brunel University. **Ethan Seagrove**, one of our ex-students, is currently studying a Flood and Coastal Engineering course (FacE) at Brunel and returned to our school to participate in this broadcast with a number of our year 12 and 13 Geography, Science and Engineering students.

Brunel have partnered with the Environment Agency and hydraulics experts HR Wallingford to offer this unique course. Ethan has studied at the University for a couple of years and is now working within the Environment agency and completing his studies at the same time. Flooding affects millions worldwide and is becoming more frequent. It ruins homes, destroys livelihoods and threatens lives. The Environment Agency and Brunel want us to inspire students to be involved in mitigating risks and making a difference.

The purpose of the broadcast was to share information

with students about this particular course as it offers such amazing opportunities for students; particularly with the link to the Environment Agency. The courses are **fully funded, industry led and contain exclusive work placements** designed to create qualified graduates - ready to fill open vacancies.

Our students asked several questions to the panel of guest about this course and the interesting work that Ethan is involved in. They were extremely clear, articulate and professional.

The broadcast has been recorded and will remain on the Learn Live website for students to access.



Yr 10 Work Experience: Monday 6th July – Friday 10th July 2020

Year 10 students have been introduced to the work experience placement process and have been made aware of the importance of work experience to their learning. I have requested Work Experience Application forms to be returned to me by **Friday 27th March 2020**. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me:

If you or the organisation you work within are able to offer a young person work experience, please get in contact.

Andrea Gilbey - andreamilbey@chalfonts.org / direct line: 01753

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Careers and Employability

Our Yr 11 students are preparing for their GCSEs, however, before the exams arrive in the summer term, they need to consider what they will do next academic year. It could be staying on at The Chalfonts Community College Sixth Form, college, study programmes, apprenticeships or traineeships.

Open days for local colleges can be found on the college websites ([link to information](#)). It is advisable to attend as many open days as possible at colleges you are interested in. Whilst there, it is important to do your research:

Check the facilities and ask what equipment you may need to purchase if looking to take a specialist course such as mechanics or catering.

It is advisable to ask what the progression rate is. For example, if

studying carpentry how many students go on to become carpenters.

You can ask how many students 'drop-out' or leave once starting their studies.

It is advisable to speak to students who already attend the college and to lecturers and support staff to find out what the college is really like.

Ensure you find out what the policies are on dress code, attendance and behaviour as well as how they assess progress.

Listen to your instincts, can you imagine yourself within the environment, does it appeal to you, do you think you will enjoy the course?

It is advisable that students have a first and second choice post 16. If they do not achieve the grades they need for their first choice, it is useful for them to have a second choice with a lower entry criteria. Yr 11 students were given information on useful career related websites. Please [click here](#) for a full list.

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!

Anyone over the age of **16** (who has finished Year 11 at school) can start an apprenticeship.

Up to **20,000** apprenticeship vacancies are advertised on the '**Find an Apprenticeship**' link.

County Cup Football

The Year 7 boys football team have had a fantastic start to the season. After beating Sir Henry Floyd Grammar School on penalties in the 2nd Round of the County Cup, the boys played Holmer Green in the quarter final where they were victorious 3-2. They now play either John Hampden or Misbourne in the semi-final after Christmas.

Well done boys, keep it up!



CCC's Christmas Carol Concert

Our school's Christmas Carol Concert took place on Monday 16th December at Gold Hill Baptist Church. The programme was varied with traditional Christmas carols and modern Christmas songs. Our students performed brilliantly, the event was very well attended and we all left with the 'feel good factor'.

Thank you to Gold Hill Baptist Church, **Mrs Winterbourne** and **Joyce Gledhill** for their organisational skills. Most of all thank you to the students of The Chalfonts Community College for their talent and enthusiasm.



Year 13 Drama Performance - "Denial"

On Wednesday 11th December, the Drama Department presented the Year 13 Performing Arts students in a blistering production of **"Denial"** based upon the National Theatre play **"People, Places and Things"** by Duncan MacMillan.

The original play was adapted by **Ms Adams** and **Ms Amos** to allow 4 students: **Carolyn Gordon**, **Macie Webb**, **Jessica Smith** and **Andreaa Sava** to each in turn take on the role of **Emma** as she navigates her road to recovery from drug and alcohol addiction. When not playing Emma, they each took another role. Sounds confusing but it really wasn't – each of the 'Emmas' was acted in a different way without losing sight of the underlying character.

The play was very hard-hitting and was performed brilliantly, conveying the struggles and emotions that consume Emma and how she interacts with her doctors, therapists and fellow recovering addicts. **Hermione Ellis** and **Jack Sibley** each played three diverse roles brilliantly and **Harry Williams** played two very different roles excellently without seemingly missing a beat. There was an amazing and quite scary ensemble piece depicting Emma's nightmare which must have been very difficult to choreograph.

The Year 13s and their drama production team had obviously worked tirelessly to produce this fresh, diverse and alternative play. The production was seamless and the staging was first class. All the performances were of a very high standard and we look forward to some very high grades when this is moderated by outside examiners. Well done to the whole Drama team for an incredibly professional and enthralling piece of theatre.



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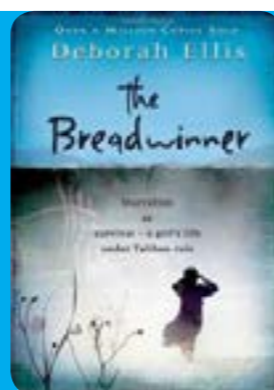
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Most read book of the term is...

THE BREADWINNER by Deborah Ellis



Parental Support

Due to continuing high demand, a daytime and an evening four week **Handling Anger in the Family** parenting course will start on **Monday 13 January**, both running in Gerrards Cross.

HANDLING ANGER IN THE FAMILY

'Very useful and practical course, I would recommend it to every family'

Anger is a normal part of growing up and it can be difficult as a parent to know how to respond. On this four week course you discuss the challenges, understand how you respond and discover practical tools to help you and your children age 5 – 16 years.

Starting on **Monday 13th January**, daytime or evening:

Morning course: 9.30am - 11.45am
Evening course: 7.30pm - 9.45pm

Click [HERE](http://saintjames.org.uk/handling-anger) for details or visit saintjames.org.uk/handling-anger

Time out for Parents

Handling Anger in the Family

A four week course for parents / carers with children age 5 - 16 helping to deal with ordinary everyday anger that all families experience

Holiday Support

TRY THESE:

- Speak to a friend or family member
- Get moving; go for a walk or exercise
- Get out in the fresh air; leave your room or the lounge!
- Avoid drugs or alcohol
- Cut down on sugar and junk food
- Find something you enjoy doing each day
- Choose social media sites that are positive for you, follow people that inspire you & make you happy. Unfollow sites that make you feel negative or insecure.
- Set a daily limit for your social media use, and give yourself a break from scrolling!
- Try and keep a regular sleep routine through the holidays
- Cut back on screens, aim to put your phone or tablet away an hour before you go to sleep

TRY AN APP:

ROAD-TEST:
4 FREE
MINDFULNESS
APPS



If you are feeling low or anxious, these may help

SAM (FOR ANXIETY)

STOP, BREATHE, THINK

CALM

CHILL PANDA

SMILING MIND

HEADSPACE

CALM HARM

SPEAK OR EMAIL SOMEONE NEUTRAL:

If you want to speak to someone about how you are feeling you can contact:

Childline: www.childline.co.uk (for young people too!) call 0800 1111 for 1-2-1 counselling or go on the site for information or email them for support

Kooth: www.kooth.com counselling online and lots of helpful information. Free to sign up and safely monitored.

YoungMinds Crisis Messenger: The YoungMinds Crisis Messenger text service provides free, 24/7 crisis support across the UK. If you are experiencing a mental health crisis and need support, you can text **YM** to **85258**. For more information see also: <https://youngminds.org.uk>

The Mix: www.themix.org.uk call 0808 808 4994 for 1-2-1 support, or email for help or join the group chat. Lots of helpful information too!

Samaritans: www.samaritans.org call 116 123 for 1-2-1 support or if you prefer to email rather than talk, email jo@samaritans.org or get some information (response time for emails is approx. 24 hours, so only use this method if **not** urgent)

