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# CHALFONTS NEWS

*Success is an Attitude*

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**In  
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Christmas  
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**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS!**

**£1,204** raised for  
'Save The Children' on  
'Christmas Jumper Day'.

**HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR!**



# An Interview with our new Head Girl and Head Boy

Max Heath and Maria Langsford were elected as our Head Boy and Head Girl at the beginning of term. They kindly took some time out of their busy schedules to be interviewed for our newsletter:

**What are you studying at The Chalfonts Community College, and what made you decide to stay here at Sixth Form?**

**Maria:** *“I am currently studying ‘A’ levels in English literature, Law and Philosophy/Ethics/Religious Education. I am also studying for an EPQ in Human Rights Law. I chose to apply for the Sixth Form here because of the variety of subjects available and my familiarity with the teachers and their style of teaching.”*

**Max:** *“I am currently studying ‘A’ levels in Law, History and English Literature and an EPQ in Criminal Law. I wanted to stay on at CCC because the school offers Law, which isn’t covered in every other Sixth Form. Also, I had a very well established friendship group and a good relationship with teachers in subjects I was interested in.”*

**Do you know what you would like to do when you leave Sixth Form?**

**Maria:** *“I am keen to study for a Law degree and eventually become a solicitor in Human Rights Law.”*

**Max:** *“I am also keen to study Law at University or take a GAP Year to travel. I am an aspiring Barrister in Technology Law.”*

**What do you want to achieve as Head Girl/Boy?**

**Maria:** *“I like the idea of helping disadvantaged students who might not have the opportunities others have and so I am considering ways we can do this across the school.”*

**Max:** *“I would like to increase the awareness of diversity and inclusion in the school, amongst students and staff.”*

**What is your greatest achievement so far?**

**Maria:** *“I have a few achievements so far; Becoming Head Girl, receiving a certificate for a Journalism ‘Young Reporter’ Scheme, being part of our Student Council, achieving a Level 2 in Life Guarding and participating in virtual law work experience for Browne Jacobson.”*

**(Interview Continues Below...)**



For example, students have been watching interviews with non-teaching members of staff, then meeting that person at lunchtime to get to know them. They’ve also learnt about ways to manage their moods, then coming to lunchtime meditation sessions to practice this.

If students attend five sessions, then they earn the ‘I care’ award, which recognises their efforts. After 15 sessions, they can earn the ‘I connect’ award and after 30 sessions, the ‘I champion’ award. This term four students have earned the ‘I care’ award. These students are **Evie Codd, Roxy Bassett, Caitlyn Reid** and **Emelia Rushworth**. Congratulations to these students for their commitment and thank you from the Chalfonts Community College for working to make it a better place.

**Mr Fawcett – PE Teacher**

## ‘We Value...’ Community Club

Since the start of September, Year 7 students have been working once a week in tutor time to learn about themselves and their community. By learning more about these things, we hope that they will value what they have and work to contribute to making these things better. After learning about that weeks focus, there is a Tuesday lunchtime Community Club in the Hall, where they can come and put into practice what they’ve learnt.

## Can YOU help?

We would be grateful if you were able to donate any second hand uniform items that your son/daughter has grown out of. These would need to be in good condition and be washed before donating. Please place in a bag and leave with our team at Reception during school hours.

In addition, if you have any revision books that you do not need anymore, we would be happy to take these as well.

Thank you for your generosity.

**Mr Quere – Leader for Languages**

## INTRODUCING the Head Boy and Head Girl

### Max Heath

### Maria Langford

**(...Interview Continued)**

**Max:** *“A few of my achievements are similar to Maria; Becoming Head Boy, obtaining good GCSE results after a very difficult (Covid) period at school, attending Cadets for three years and becoming qualified to deliver first aid training, being part of our Student Council and playing tennis competitively. I also successfully landed work experience at Denham Airfield and completed the same work experience as Maria for Browne Jacobson.”*

**What does it feel like being voted for by peers and teachers?**

**Max:** *“I feel very grateful to have been elected for this position and feel appreciated for the speech I made and the hard work I have put into the school so far; it does feel*

*a real honour.”*

**Maria:** *“As Max says, I also feel very honoured to be doing this role and was extremely excited to be elected.”*

**What is your favourite film?**

**Maria:** *“‘Notting Hill’ because I love the story and the characters; it is a real ‘feel good’ film which leaves me feeling very positive.”*

**Max:** *“‘Legally Blonde’ because it is about the way someone is judged for the way they act and look, and they go on to achieve amazing things.”*

**What is your favourite book?**

**Maria:** *“‘Fifty Fifty’ by Steve Cavanagh which is a crime story about a lawyer who truly believes his client is*

*not guilty – but things aren’t quite what they seem!”*

**Max:** *“‘The Future Of Law’ by Richard Susskind which is about the increasing digitalised world. The book shows why and how IT is radically altering and will alter further the practice of law and the administration of justice.”*

**What would you be doing if you weren’t in school?**

**Maria:** *“Reading, having coffees with friends, shopping and socialising!”*

**Max:** *“Travelling!”*

**What would be your fantasy holiday destination, and why?**

**Maria:** *“The northern lights in Iceland.”*

**Max:** *“The Maldives - much*

*needed respite to do some snorkeling!”*

**What message would you like to say to younger students?**

**Maria:** *“Aim high and don’t put any obstacles in your way; achieve as much as you can.”*

**Max:** *“Work really hard and you will get rewarded for it. Even if you don’t know what you want to do, many more doors will be open to you with good grades.”*

We are lucky to have them as our Student Leaders and wish them all the best in their exams and next steps in 2022.



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## Young Writers’ Poetry Competition

A number of students from Year 7-11 entered the **National Young Writers’ Poetry Competition** and I am so pleased to say that their poems were well received. As a result, some of them will have their poems published by the **Young Writers** organisation. They have all received a certificate of participation and some of them were told that their poem will be published! Congratulations to **Matilda Patterson (Year 9), Kari Zlatanova (Year 8), Zara Mian (Year 8), Mimi Rogers (Year 11), Sara Madrona (Year 8), Elliese Hughes, (Year 8) Hayden Huckle (Year 9), Henry Jackson (Year 7), Katy Grange (Year 9), Neil Batra (Year 7), Lili Houghton (Year 8), Katie Hardy (Year 11), Aaliyah Barrett (Year 8), Lucy Evans (Year 9), Katie Herbert (Year 8)** and **Elouise Clerkin (Year 8)**.

**Miss Brooks – Year 9 English Coordinator, Deputy Literacy Coordinator**

## Spelling Bee Winners



The 2021 Year 7 and 8 Spelling Bee Competition got off to a good start. The contestants were very excited and eager to do well as they competed for the coveted trophies.

In Year 7 after a nail-biting finish, it was **Carlos Mihai(7G2)** who was victorious. The other finalists should also be commended. They are **Neil Batra, Henry Jackson, Jake Kenealy** and **Harry Jenkinson**. In Year 8 it was **Dejon Simms** who won the sort after trophy and is now the Year 8 Spelling Bee champion for 2021. The other students who were in the final and commended are: **Suhani Khambe, Sana Kudhail, Ahyan Siddiqui, Dhanishta Babra** and **Ana Yiannouzis**. Well done to everyone involved!



# Employability Skills Day 2021

On Wednesday 10th November, The Chalfonts Community College hosted one of the biggest events of the year; our Year 11 Employability Skills Day. All Year 11 students were off timetable for the day, to take part in a number of career related activities covering a Careers Fair, four workshops of their choice, an interview and independent work on our online careers tool, Unifrog.

The purpose of the day is to broaden the knowledge and horizons of our students, inspire them and further build their confidence. We are really keen to assist them in making informed decisions about their futures, by giving them lots of information about different career routes. The students arrived in the morning in business dress looking extremely smart and professional. They all had individual timetables for the day and were excellent ambassadors for our school!

The Chalfonts welcomed over 90 visitors to the school on this day. We would like to thank all the professionals who represented their field and organisation, those who delivered amazing workshops to our students, 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.

A huge thank you must also go to our amazing team of Sixth Form students who helped the event to run so smoothly, supporting with administration and hospitality. This did not go unnoticed:

*"I just wanted to say how really impressed I was with the school. The students were SO helpful to us, for example showing us the way and talking to us. They all seemed so polite and genuinely welcoming and enthusiastic."* Jean Meakin.

## Interviews

Every student was given a mock job interview by a professional from outside of the school. The students had all completed generic application forms which were used in the interview as a basis for the questions. This exercise gave our students some experience of considering how they should be marketing themselves. They also watched a video in tutor time of their year leader being interviewed! All of this preparation paid off as we had some amazing feedback from our interviewers. They were looking out for good body language as well as someone who is able to provide good responses to questions. The students did extremely well and it was lovely to see some afterwards, feeling great about the experience.

*"There was such an amazing buzz around the fair and it was such a privilege to be able to interview and talk to some of you wonderful students."*



# Employability Skills Day!



1,4443+ people follow the College on **TWITTER**  
**(@ccchalfonts)**  
**(@ccc6thform)**

## Careers Fair

One of the activities the students were involved in was the Careers Fair. We were very privileged to have over 30 organisations represented at the Fair from various industries. Our students spent time talking to individuals representing **Healthcare, Engineering, Public Services, Marketing, Hospitality, Football, Music and Film Production, Childcare, Hair and Beauty, Construction, and Forensics**. We invited our Sixth Form to also attend the Fair, along with a few of our Year 9 students who are make their GCSE option choices over the next couple of months.

*"It was a privilege to meet and speak with so many of your fantastic students. I thought it was a fabulous event. Well done on the organisation and 4 facilitation. The students were brilliant throughout."*



## Workshops

We had 12 workshops running throughout the morning and each student decided on which four workshops they would like to attend. The workshops included: CV writing, interview skills, apprenticeships, going to University, and then careers in STEM, hospitality, the Army, Beauty, IT/Cyber Security, film production, healthcare and starting a Business.

We have had some fantastic feedback from our students and Tutors about the workshops and again, are so grateful for the time our presenters gave up to inspire our students.

*"I thought the whole event was really well organised and so much information for the students."*

### Final thoughts from our guests:

*"My son is in year 11 and came home buzzing about what a great day he'd had."*

*"What a wonderful opportunity our children have to be exposed to such useful experience and information at this stage in their lives. I would love to have had that opportunity myself at that age."*





## Wycombe Homeless Connection – Sleepout at home 2021

On Friday 19th November, **Mr Fawcett** and his daughter Ella spent a night sleeping outside to raise awareness of the issue of homelessness in our area. They spent the night sleeping on a tarpaulin and blankets in their garden with Ella sleeping like a log (Mr

Fawcett not so much!). They have so far raised **£530** for the charity, which is much more than they had hoped. If anyone would like to find out more about the charity, or donate to it then please [click here](#), or go to **Justgiving** and search '**Ella and Duncan sleepout**'.



## Art and Photography Exhibition - November 2021

The talented Year 12 and 13 Fine Art and Photography students have been working on their projects '**Growth and Decay**' and '**Symbolism**'. They installed an exhibition of their current work to coincide with the Sixth Form Open Evening which showcased their talents with skills in macro photography and Photoshop to oil painting, collage and printmaking.

Well done for beginning your imaginative investigations so well – we are looking forward to your next creations!

**The Art Department**



Is your child a budding guitarist?  
Lessons are available at CCC  
with **Mark Lague**.

Contact [mark.lague@btinternet.com](mailto:mark.lague@btinternet.com)  
for details



# Amazing Art!

## Sixth Form Open Evening

We were delighted to invite Year 11 students and their parents to our **Sixth Form Open Evening** on Thursday 18th November. It was nice to meet students and parents face to face after running the event virtually last year. The attendance to both talks in the Hall was high, and it was good to see lots of external students and parents in the audience; obviously the success of our Sixth Form has spread.

After the initial presentations, students and parents were able to visit subject areas to gather course specific information. As always, it was really good to see how well the Year 12 and 13 students interacted with both students and parents to give them a student's perspective on what we have to offer.

I look forward to seeing Year 11 students again at our **Taster Day** in February, and during their Progression interviews from March onwards.

**Mr Way - Leader for Sixth Form**



## Championship Showjumper

Congratulations to **Acacia Dew** in Year 8 for her recent success.

During half term Acacia was horse jumping in Cheshire for 4 days, she got selected and jumped for England in the **148 Debut** teams, which succeeded in securing 2nd place. **Well done Acacia!**





# Virtual Dragon's Den success - Young Enterprise

Five Year 12 students, **Alistair Smith, Veer Kudhail, Aleksander Pavlov, Gabi Martin** and **Matthew Hazar**, took part in a virtual 'Dragons Den' event which took place on Monday 22nd November with real business men and women. They were competing against local schools in the Chiltern area. They worked really hard (as well as the others taking part in Young Enterprise) to come up with a product idea and prepare a pitch (in return for up to £70 investment). Their idea is a scented candle business called 'Mindscents'. They had a few ideas and decided to settle on this idea to focus on scent infused

candles to calm the mind. Their key target audience is people that have struggled during the pandemic. They have melted the wax themselves and added in their own scents, pine, lavender and peppermint. Their jars are also recyclable and they have even made their own labels and added a handwritten inspiring quote. They have also thought about the type of wax they use too, which is vegan. The Young Enterprise group had their first fair at Beaconsfield **Festival of Lights** and they were brilliant. They were so professional and really sold their product well.

They also plan to give 5% of their profit to the charity **Mind**, which is a lovely idea.

The students presenting had their own little part to play including production, finance, marketing

and all spoke in turn. Their pitch was professional and confidently delivered and they really sold their product.

There were a number of local business people involved. The 'Dragons' that the team were pitching to included **Kevin Thompson**, formerly of HALMA plc, a FTSE 100 company, based in Amersham where he worked for 30 years. The other Dragon was **Samantha Bell MA**, who is a marketing and communications professional with over 20 years working at board level across the UK and Australia.

I am pleased to say the team secured investment and were congratulated by the panel of Dragons for their very well organised presentation.

**Mrs Flisher - Leader for Business Studies**

## Chalfonts Success Stories

**Name:** Finley Harnett

**Age:** 25

**Occupation:** Communications Officer & Researcher for Rupa Huq, Member of Parliament for Ealing Central and Acton

**Years at Chalfonts Community College:** 2007-2014

**A-Levels studied and grades:** English Literature (A), History (A), Media Studies (B)

**Tell us a bit about your job:**

*"I work in Rupa's busy parliamentary office in the Houses of Parliament. I'm part of a small team -- there are four of us in Team Huq -- and we support Rupa in her parliamentary duties and assist her constituents with any issues they are facing. My role is varied and no two days are ever the same. On any given day, I am usually replying to correspondence from constituents, producing videos of Rupa's appearances in the Commons, managing her diary, social media and website,*

*writing press releases, liaising with journalists, submitting parliamentary questions, and helping to organise the All-Party Parliamentary Groups (APPGs) that Rupa chairs «It's an exciting job and I feel so fortunate to work for Rupa, who works incredibly hard for her constituents.»*

**How did you end up in working in Parliament?:**

*If you had told me when I was studying for my A-Levels that I would end up working for a Member of Parliament, I wouldn't have believed you. Politics seemed utterly out of reach for me as a career option, and I still have to pinch myself walking around the Hogwarts-style set of buildings that make up the parliamentary estate.*

*After I graduated, I studied English Literature at the University of York, followed by a Master's degree in Politics & International Relations at Durham University. After that, I worked on an MP's re-election campaign during the 2019 General Election, before working and training as a journalist at the start of 2020. I ended up in my current job during the pandemic in July 2020. I worked from home for most of the year due to the Covid-19. It was about a year before I got the chance to see some of my colleagues in person! **(Interview Continues Below...)***



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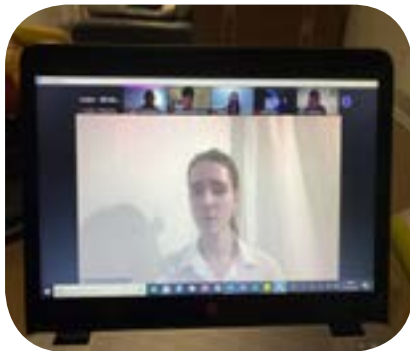
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Everyone returns to  
school

17<sup>th</sup>

Year 10 & 12 Theatre  
Trip

# Chalfonts Alumni



(...Interview Continued)

**Which teachers at Chalfonts Community College inspired you the most?:**

*"English was by far my favourite subject at CCC. That was in no small part due to the brilliant and inspiring teachers in the English department, in particular **Miss Weir, Mrs Castleton** and **Mrs Caccaviello**. I have fond memories of studying *To Kill A Mockingbird* with Miss Weir, *Romeo and Juliet* with Mrs Castleton and *The Great Gatsby* with Mrs Caccaviello. Despite my reputation for being a bit of a class clown, they kept me focused, inspired my love of reading and helped me develop communication skills that I used for my degrees and now my job! I can't thank the teachers at CCC enough for getting me to where I am today."*

**What top tips do you have for students who would like to work in politics?:**

*"Read widely and keep up to date with what's going on in the news. Email your local MP (or perhaps an MP you admire if your local one doesn't share your politics) and request some work experience. If you're interested in party politics, join a political party and get involved in local meetings and*

*canvassing sessions (knocking on doors and talking to voters on the doorstep). There are plenty of other pathways into politics if party politics isn't your thing: you could work for a think tank, a charity or some other form of NGO, the United Nations, or you could get into political journalism.*

*Most importantly, though, my advice would be to go for it and don't set yourself any limits. Politics doesn't have to be dominated by Eton/Oxbridge-educated people with loads of contacts. We all have a stake in what goes on in Parliament, we are all impacted by the decisions taken there. The place belongs to all of us."*





Flourishing Garden Project

We were delighted to be invited by the Iver Environment Centre, to participate in a project that encourages volunteering and social action in young people. Two groups of students were asked to the centre in Iver to learn about the environment and do some volunteering, weeding and planting. The idea was that the students would then return to school and introduce a ‘social action plan’ of their choice. Our students agreed that they would like to change part of the school field into a wildlife garden. We were very lucky to receive a budget of £500 and the students decided to buy plants, litter pickers and a lovely wooden bench with these funds.

Before undertaking the works on the field; the students were all given a guided tour. The pond, hibernacula, minibeast hotels, compost heaps and raised beds were pointed out, to show good examples and inspire ideas for the children’s wildlife garden. The students then split into two groups to carry out essential tasks needed in the centre. Group one raked leaves, to ensure that our footpaths were fully accessible and not slippery. It was explained that collected leaves make great compost to rot down and use as a growth medium. The leaf pile compost heap was pointed out, and it was suggested that one was included in

their garden design. The students used rakes, wheelbarrows, brooms, and a leaf grabber, and cleared the sensory garden, paths at the front of the centre, paths along the greenhouses, and the path across the bridge.

Group two worked on moving both gravel and topsoil from our car park. The gravel and topsoil had been delivered for our footpaths and meadow respectively. The students used shovels and wheelbarrows to move the material out of the car park, so that we could once again have a big space for our visitors to park, improving accessibility to the site. [\(Article continues below with more photos...\)](#)



Chalfont St Peter aims big for biodiversity in 2022

An outstanding new project is literally putting down roots in Chalfont St. Peter. The Big Biodiversity Battle (#BBB) is an ambitious partnership project between Chalfont St Peter Parish Council and Chiltern Rangers. Supported by Bucks Council Community Board and the parish council, 10 new Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) Priority Habitats have been identified and work has already started.

So far 1,000 trees have been planted at two of the 10 sites with Chiltern Rangers volunteers and recruits planting 600 trees, and fifteen Year 7 and Year 8 students from The Chalfonts Community College planting the rest in the CSP Garden of Ease. Four girls planted a whopping 130 trees between them.

The project aims to have been completed by April 2022 so lots of help is needed from volunteers in the community and local landowners. Plans include installing benches, planting trees, planting wildflowers and to maintain and restore the River Misbourne. A key aim is to help our young

people to take ownership of their own environment and to change the planet one plant at a time. After a terrible two years this is a golden opportunity for children from zero to ninety to rediscover the joy of the outdoors, nature and the satisfaction of a job well done.

Upcoming events: Thursday 23rd December at 10am upgrading the banks of River Misbourne at the Community Centre/Council Offices on Gravel Hill. Volunteers most welcome.  
3rd February 2022: The Chalfonts Community College Duke of Edinburgh students will be planting even more trees, building deer fences and installing bat and bird boxes including tawny owl and kestrel.

For further volunteering opportunities for under 25 year olds [click here](#).

- John Shaw - Chiltern Rangers
- Mike Stevens - CSP Parish Council
- Mr Keane - Environmental Projects Co-ordinator

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!

Community Matters!

At the end of their visit, the students were again split into two groups, and given advice on building both a wildlife pond and a minibeast hotel. Finally, the students discussed a donation of plants and cuttings from Iver Environment Centre with our lead gardening volunteer. The group selected plants to take back to school with them, for their big gardening day. The staff at Iver were all very grateful for the student’s work, and impressed with the effort the students put into the day. We were also very lucky to have many CCC staff members who volunteered their time to support this project.

We would like to thank Kate, Flo and their team for their enthusiasm and for offering us this opportunity. As a result of this project, the group of students has linked up with Chiltern Rangers to help plant trees and hedgerows in the Chalfonts St Peter Memorial Garden during December. We feel very fortunate to have been asked to participate in this project and look forward to watching our garden grow.

Mr Keane – Teacher of Geography







## CCC Pop Band

The new CCC Pop Band is gaining traction and excitement amongst students. Open to all

ages and ability with no prior experience needed, the band is an eclectic mix of Year 7s, 8s and 10s.

As voted by the group, we have been playing some rock songs including: **'Money Can't Buy Me Love'**, **'Here comes the Sun'** and **'Hit the Road Jack'**. We have also played some pop songs including some **Meghan Trainor** and even ventured into some dance music by **Alan Walker**.

The students were also keen to

write their own songs and we set aside a rehearsal as a music and lyric-writing workshop based on 'words of encouragement' and motivational words.

Our creative band members have brainstormed a myriad of band names including; **'Nameless'** and **'Space Donkeys'** amongst others.

As the Christmas season approaches, some students have been working in small groups on Christmas songs including, **'Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer'** (especially our Year 8 drummer Ranulph, now affectionately nicknamed 'Ranulph the red nose'). As the band is raring to perform in a school concert, I look forward to seeing them on the stage at some point in the new year!

Mr Warren – Teacher of Music

## CCC Christmas Concert 2021

Our wonderful musicians performed at the new Goldhill Baptist Church on Monday 13th December evening for our Christmas Concert. It was our first live face-to-face Christmas concert since 2019. The students worked so hard all day during rehearsals and it was wonderful for them to perform to a live audience. The CCC Choir opened with **'O Holy Night'** and there were many fantastic performances from all years, including original compositions from two of our Year 10 students, **'Shards'** by **Jasmine Nituan** and **'Just One Thing For Christmas'** by **Amberley Garredu**. The concert showcased just how talented our CCC students are. The new **Elton John/Ed Sheeran 'Merry Christmas'** collaboration was performed by **Rose Holt** in Year 10, having only just been released and our Year 13 students and choir ended the concert with our CCC tradition of **Slade's, 'Merry Christmas Everybody'**. The music department would like to say a huge thank you and congratulations to all involved for bringing the Christmas spirit to Chalfonts!

Mrs Winterborne – KS3 Music Co-Ordinator

## CCC Choir at the CSP Fun Night

On Friday 3rd December the CCC Choir performed **Leona Lewis' One More Sleep** at the **Chalfont St. Peter Fun Night**. We arrived at school at 5.30pm to practise the song in harmony with full choreography. Credit for the choreography goes to the students! We had such fun in school before heading down to the fun night to perform and what a performance they delivered. In their festive attire, our CCC Choir rocked the stage and the organisers announced it was the best performance ever by CCC at the fun night and asked us for an encore! The choir were led by **Mrs Winterborne** and **Mr Warren** and on behalf of us both, I'd like to say how proud we are of our students for performing at this event and being such fantastic representatives for the college.

Mrs Winterborne – KS3 Music Co-Ordinator



# Marvellous Music!

## The Big One

'The Big One' Concert, which actually became 'The Not So Big One', as Year 12 were isolating due to Covid. I like to think of it as the CCC Covid Comeback Concert for our Choir, which I believe would be abbreviated to CCCCC....!

As many of you will be aware, last year we had three choirs across years 7-9 rehearsing and performing virtual concerts/recordings in their bubbles, in lieu of face-to-face concerts. Apart from our recent Open Evening Performance, this will have been the first face-to-face concert our Choir would have performed in since our Christmas Concert in 2019, un-bubbled(!) and they did not disappoint. They performed Roar, Shallow and Run. Our Year 10 CCC Band also performed a 3-part harmony arrangement of Hallelujah. The Year 13 students delivered some truly outstanding performances and it really was a great concert and lovely for our students to perform live to an audience. Thank you to **Mrs Adams** for coming to support us too.

Mrs Winterborne - KS3 Music Co-Ordinator

## CCC Virtual Christmas Concert 2021

For the second year running, our CCC Choir were live streamed via YouTube on Wednesday 15th December delivering a Christmas Concert to care homes in the local area, to bring some festive cheer to their residents. The choir performed **'O Holy Night'**, **'Silent Night'**, **'Hallelujah'**, **'Just One Thing For Christmas'** composed by **Amberley Garredu** in Year 10, **'Where Are You Christmas'**, **'I'll Be Home'**, **'Merry Christmas'** and a fully choreographed version of **'One More Sleep'**! This was the choir's fifth performance occasion this term and what an amazing group of students they are to have delivered two Christmas Concerts in the space of three days! We are beyond proud of our CCC Choir and so pleased to have been able to sing with them 'un-bubbled' this year! Watch out for news of our next concert in the Spring Term. **Please check our Twitter to view the performance.**

Happy Christmas!

Mrs Winterborne –  
KS3 Music Co-Ordinator



# Away from School

## The Reading Scholars Programme

We were delighted to return once again to **Reading University** with a group of our Year 10 students to commence another **Reading Scholars Programme**. The Reading Scholars Programme at the University of Reading provides students with a valuable opportunity to find out more about their options beyond school and to increase their understanding of Higher Education through Information and Guidance sessions and conversations with current students (Mentors). The programme offers a head start in developing key study skills that will prepare them for further study and support their academic attainment, confidence, and aspirations.

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. The students will cover a few topics through the programme. Firstly, they will find out about their options beyond school, college and sixth form looking at the benefits of higher education. They will then have conversations with current students (Mentors) who can talk about university from first-hand experience! Finally, they will develop key study skills and competencies that will help them in their current studies, as well as providing them with a head start in learning and practicing advanced skills that will facilitate their transition to higher level study.

By participating in the Year 10 Reading Scholars Programme, we hope participating students will develop confidence and knowledge about what a university has to offer, so that they can make informed decisions about whether university is the right path for them, and if it is, what they need to do to get to where they want to be.





Primary Schools Festival

On Thursday 11th November The Chalfonts Community College hosted **The Year 6 Fitness Boot Camp Festival**. Students from **St Joseph’s** and **Chalfont St Giles Junior School** joined us for this event meaning we had 125 children ready to be put through their paces. The event involved students working in small groups around a circuit to try and get their heart rates pumping and muscles burning.

Our Year 12 and 13 students took on the role of station leaders, organising the students into smaller groups and giving them instructions and demonstrations. Sometimes it involved making the activities harder to ensure everyone was breaking a sweat.

Year 10 students were our team leaders who had to engage with their groups, motivating them throughout and ensure they were moving to the correct stations. We had some outstanding feedback from the primary teachers regarding the leaders presence, passion and enthusiasm. **Darcy Williams** from Year 10 was our star student as she showed adaptability when working with a student with additional needs.

Mrs Charge – Deputy Leader of PE



Remembrance Day

On Remembrance Sunday, a group of our Year 8 ‘**Kindness Ambassadors**’ walked from the British Legion building in Narcot Lane to St Peter’s Church in Chalfont St Peter, led by our Head Boy, **Max Heath** and our Head Girl, **Maria Langford**. They carried the flag of The Chalfonts Community College and a wreath to lay in the memorial ground.

The students were part of the Remembrance Day Service and they observed the two minute silence.

They were amongst students from local primary schools, as well as members of the community, Beavers, Scouts, Brownies, Guides and other local organisations.

One of our students, **Ryan Carmichael**, attended the service wearing his grandfather’s Royal Marines beret, medals and corps tie and his brother wore his Afghanistan medal and maroon beret.

It was a really lovely occasion to remember those who have given up so much for us, ‘lest we forget.’



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Under 13 Girls Football

On Thursday the 25th of November, the Under 13 Girls played in a 6 a side tournament run by Wycombe Wanderers FC and on Monday 29th they played in the Dr Challenor’s Indoor Tournament. On both occasions they represented the school brilliantly. I

wanted to share their achievements with you so you can congratulate them on their success.

In the Wycombe Wanderers Tournament, we placed 11th, notching up our first ever win in the process.

Team:

**Kimberley Gore, Ruby Forry Heavey, Georgia Honour, Annabelle Milton, Ava Butcher, Izzy Holdom, Daisy O’Hallron-Donaldson, Layla Southgat**

In the Indoor Tournament we came in 1st place (!) drawing

our first game and then achieving four successive victories to put us at the top! A great way to finish this half term.

Team:

**Maisie Willet, Annabelle Eyre, Hannah Munro, Georgia Honour, Ava Butcher, Sofia Hearn, Izzy Holdom, Ruby Forry Heavey, Kimberley Gore.**

Well done to all of the girls.

Miss Irvine - Head of Year 9



Food Bank Collection

As you are aware, we have been busy collecting food and essential goods to help those in need within our community. Last year, you, the parents and guardians of our school donated over 150kg of food parcels and this year I think we have topped our record.

The food parcels will be delivered to Chesham Food bank as you read this newsletter. I want to say a huge **THANK YOU** to all the parents and children for their generosity as these donations will go a long way in helping many families that are struggling and enduring hardship.



I will be emailing again with a final figure as to how much we have collected in the new year. Once again, thank you so much in advance for your support for this valuable charity and service in our area. To find out more visit [click here](#).

Mr Vahora – Vice Principal

Christmas Hampers

The Sixth form students have been busy creating hampers of food to be distributed in the local community as part of the schools contribution to the wider community. It will be donated to **St Joseph’s Church** in Chalfont St Peter. Thanks to all the students and staff involved.

Mrs Sweet - Teacher of Business Studies





# Snow White and the Dwarf

The Year 12 and 13 drama students have been working hard to produce the end of term pantomime as a reward for students who have achieved top merits, behaviour points or 100% attendance in all years. This is a tradition which has been at Chalfonts for years, only stopped by circumstances last year.

This year's pantomime is **Snow White and the Dwarf**, unfortunately the other six dwarfs have Covid and are in isolation. The evil Queen is jealous of Snow White's Instagram followers as she is desperate to be the most beautiful woman in the Queendom, Snow White has already been banished from the Chalfont's Castle living with Annie and Billy. The Magic Mirror ('Alexa') tells the wicked Queen that whilst Snow White is alive she will never be the prettiest. So, the Huntsman kidnaps Snow White and the story ensues.

The Sixth form have created this performance; acting, directing, choreographing, writing script, making costumes, props, set design, lighting and sound! They are a fabulously motivated group who deserve a huge applause for all their hard work to bring joy to the festive period!

With laughs for everyone, plenty of music, audience participation and some teacher cameos... this is not one to miss!

**Mrs Adams – Leader for Drama**



## Merry Christmas!

### A Christmas Message from our Principal

As Christmas approaches I would like to thank our students, staff and parents for their support and for welcoming me so well to the school community. I would like to commend staff for all their hard work throughout this Autumn term. I am proud of all the wonderful activities that our staff have provided for students and very proud of how well students have engaged in these activities this term. Reading this and looking back over my newsletters to you is a reminder of just how busy this term has been, in addition to our staff and students working extremely hard to ensure everyone

succeeds in fulfilling their potential.

I am always delighted to see the multifaceted talent we have in our school and remind students that what we see in these performances of all kinds is the result of hours and hours of hard work and perseverance from students embodying the message that **'Success is an attitude'**. I am privileged in my role as Principal to see this on a daily basis and I am looking forward to making further improvements in the school to enable all students to succeed.

Our students will be ready for a break by the time term ends. I hope that our students will take time out with their families to relax this

Christmas and recharge ready for the new year. I want our students to be successful, but this is not possible without first being safe, happy and healthy. Getting this balance is sometimes very hard for young people and also for parents and school staff. I hope this Christmas, you find that balance and enjoy quality time with your families and I look forward to welcoming you back in January.

I wish you an enjoyable, safe and very Happy Christmas from us all at The Chalfonts Community College.

**Mrs Whitehead - Principal**

