

28th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week I would like to congratulate the 166 Year 7 & 8 students that took part in the Junior Maths Challenge on Tuesday to mark the 25th Anniversary. The challenge encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting, yet challenging problems. Here's one for you to do and feel free to send in your answers to our maths team!

Travelling by train from Edinburgh to London, I passed a sign saying "London 150 miles".
After 7 more miles, I passed another sign saying "Edinburgh 250 miles".
How far is it by train from Edinburgh to London?

A 407 miles B 393 miles C 257 miles D 243 miles E 157 miles

I will publish the answer in my next letter! Year 9 and 10 students will be participating in the Intermediate Maths Challenge next week.

COVID vaccinations for children and young people aged 12 -15

As you may be aware, NHS England and the Joint Committee on Immunisations and Vaccinations (JCVI) updated their guidance on 29th November 2021 recommended that all children and young people aged 12-15 years should be offered a 2nd dose of Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine at a minimum of 12 weeks from the first dose. As such, the Bucks School-Aged Immunisation Team (SAI) will offer this second phase of the COVID-19 vaccination programme for children aged 12-15 years on Thursday 3rd February. Children who have not yet had their first dose of COVID-19 can also receive this during the COVID-19 session.

If you require further information about vaccinations, please go to the immunisation websites below:

[COVID-19 vaccination – a guide for children and young people \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/101422/covid-19_vaccination_guide_for_children_and_young_people.pdf)
<http://www.buckshealthcare.nhs.uk/School-nursing/immunisations.htm>
[Vaccine Knowledge Project — Oxford Vaccine Group](#)
[Vaccinations - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations)

Year 13 mock exams

Our Year 13 students will soon be doing their mock examinations. I am sure their hard work in preparing will pay off. This was the first year group to be significantly affected by COVID when they were in Year 11 and not able to sit their GCSE exams. I understand the additional stress they are facing in not having sat public examinations before. We all wish them well for this set of mock examinations.

Careers Hub

For information on careers, further education and higher education please visit the Careers Hub of our website:

<https://www.chalfonts.org/careers/about-careers-education-at-ccc>

You can find information on: Apprenticeship, Job Opportunities, a Parent/Carer pack, Careers Events, Insights & Taster days and how to book your child a 1:1 Careers appointments if they feel they need some support. You will also be able to find information about our new online Careers Tool, Unifrog.

Parent and Student surveys

We will be inviting your feedback in an online parent survey next week. Students have been sent an online survey (via Show My Homework) to invite their feedback on extra-curricular activities and will be involved in a wider survey to give their feedback on a range of issues shortly.

I look forward to receiving feedback from you and your children that can be part of our ongoing school evaluation and improvements.

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs C Whitehead
Principal