

11th March 2022



Dear Parents and Carers

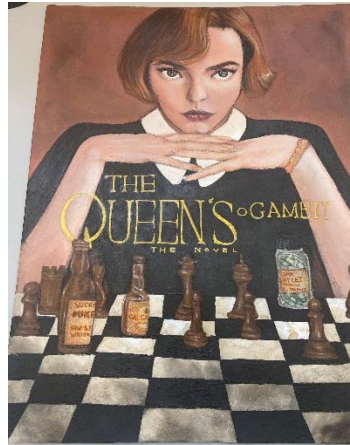
I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying the first signs of Spring. It was wonderful yesterday to see students enjoying themselves outside yesterday at break and lunch times with a little bit of spring sunshine.

World Book Day

We enjoyed a wonderful celebration of the Annual 25th World Book Day last week. We celebrated authors, illustrators, books and, most importantly, a celebration of reading. In fact, World Book Day is the biggest celebration of its kind, designed by UNESCO as a worldwide celebration of books and reading and is marked in over 100 countries all over the world. Thank you to everyone who donated books – we received 660 books! We took part in various activities including a literacy themed art competition. The following students have been awarded book tokens for their wonderful art work;



1st Nicole Czaplá 9g2



2nd Jessica Shotaj 10K3 and Hana Duberley 10K3



3rd Emma Sene 10g1

Congratulations to:

All students that sat the UKMT Intermediate Maths challenge 2022 last month. There were 22 certificate winners, with 16 bronze, 4 silver and 2 gold awards to Srija Devinani, Year 11 (Best in school) and Kyros Quartey, Year 9. They both now have a chance to qualify for the Maths Olympiad!

Attendance

Following a significant amount of disruption to school attendance during Covid, thankfully the number of students testing positive for Covid is decreasing. Given that school attendance has been disrupted for such a long time, we appreciate that some students may find it a challenge to return to an outstanding attendance rate. Your child's attendance is measured as a percentage of the total time they could have attended school. The correlation between time spent in lessons and academic outcomes is evident, and students with good



attendance make excellent progress during their time at school. Here is the impact of having less than 96% attendance over a school year:

- 95% = 10 missed days = 2 weeks of missed learning
- 90% = 19 missed days = almost 4 weeks of missed learning
- 85% = 29 missed days = almost 6 weeks of missed learning
- 80% = 38 missed days = over 7 weeks of missed learning

We understand that some school absences are unavoidable but by ensuring that your child attends school as often as they possibly can, you give them the best possible chance of success. With this in mind, please could you discuss with your child their attendance to school, either congratulating good attendance, or looking at the ways it can be improved.

Changes to Covid 19 Rules

From Monday 21 February, the Government removed the guidance for staff and students in most education and childcare settings to undertake twice-weekly asymptomatic testing. From Thursday 24 February, the Government removed the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. **Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days, and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days.**

Ukraine

Many of you may wish to support those fleeing war torn Ukraine. Financial donations to organisations that have a presence on the borders appears to be the most effective means of providing support to families in need. Community collections are rather resource intensive and can involve costly logistics whilst transporting goods through many countries can be frustratingly slow.

We are fundraising for UNICEF and The Red Cross. There will be a Wear it Blue and Yellow day on 29 March with donations payable on Parent Pay. Students have been asked for their ideas on fundraising activities and have been very thoughtful in their desire to do so. Year groups will be organising various events and activities in the coming weeks.

I have shared this resource with teachers for students who may have questions or be seeking reassurance. You may also wish to use them for your children. [Help for teachers and families to talk to pupils about Russia's invasion of Ukraine and how to help them avoid misinformation. - The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](#)

PASTA (Parent & Student, Teacher Association)

I am delighted that the easing of Covid restrictions means we are able to host an in-school event with PASTA for the first time since the start of the pandemic. There is a long awaited return of the PASTA quiz night on Wednesday 6th April.

The event will help us to raise funds for facilities beyond those which can be funded by the college and secondly, provide an opportunity for parents to get together and have some fun. We are currently fundraising to provide outdoor canopies for students to use at break and lunchtimes.

If you would like to know more about the association please visit their website page: www.chalfonts.org/ccca
The Chalfonts Community College - Parent and Student, Teacher Association.

I am looking forward to meeting many of you at the Quiz night.

Chalfonts News

If you have not already done so I encourage you to read Issue 10 of the Chalfonts Newsletter which is full of fantastic news and events that have been taking place recently

<https://www.chalfonts.org/attachments/download.asp?file=3428&type=pdf>

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend ahead.

Yours faithfully



Mrs C Whitehead

Principal



THE CHALFONTS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

QUIZ NIGHT

PASTA
Parent and Student Association
CCC

**LICENCED BAR
GREAT PRIZES**

WEDNESDAY 6TH APRIL. 7PM

£15 quiz entry and supper
(fish, sausage or veggie burger and chips)

Bring the whole family and invite the neighbours

School community: purchase tickets on ParentPay
Wider community: contact PaSTACHair@chalfonts.org
Sponsor a table for £50: contact PaSTACHair@chalfonts.org