

## "Success is an Attitude"

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**Dear Parents and Carers** 

In our penultimate week of the Spring term I am pleased to share an update on a busy period at the College.

Year 11 and Year 13 students are working very hard preparing for upcoming public examinations and completing coursework. I am sure the Easter holiday will provide a welcome break and opportunity to complete some high quality revision.

We have held a range of events and activities with more planned in the coming weeks and after Easter. They are such important and enriching experiences for students. It is great that opportunities beyond the classroom are beginning to return to normal.

Students in Year 7, 8 and 9 enjoyed a vibrant Harry Potter themed day last Friday. It was great to see many students (and many staff!) dressed as Harry Potter characters. This was the finale to a series of Harry Potter cross-curricular themed learning activities, which included literacy games in the library, a science potions club, Golden Snitch treasure hunts, running quidditch, a guest speaker from the film industry on film careers and even Hogwarts recipes.

Our student garden is looking even better because of the Environmental club students' hard work last week adding a pond to the garden.

We welcomed a large number of children in reception classes from local primary schools to a recent Sports Festival. The activities were led by our students who demonstrated amazing leadership skills and enthusiasm resulting in a very enjoyable morning for all.

Thank you for your generous donations for Muscular Dystrophy UK in our recent 'Wear it Bright' Day which raised £881.

We are fundraising for UNICEF and The Red Cross to support those fleeing war torn Ukraine. Students have been asked for their ideas on fundraising activities and have been very thoughtful in their desire to do so. We are planning a walk-a-thon for after Easter and our wear it blue and yellow day has not only raised awareness but also generated vital funds for UNICEF and The Red Cross of £1220 so far. This appeal will remain open all week if you have not yet donated and wish to do so.





The Trustees of Chalfonts Community College wish to recruit a Parent Governor to the Board to support the strategic management of the school. Applications are encouraged from all members of the parent community, regardless of background, gender, ethnicity, disability or age (as long as you're over 18). If there is more than one applicant an election by secret ballot will be held. For more information about the role and an application form, or if you would like to have an informal chat, please contact Sue Littman, Clerk to Governors, <u>suelittman@chalfonts.org</u> no later than Friday 8th April 2022.

Whilst the numbers of students testing positive for Covid have thankfully dropped, we have seen an increase in the number of staff who have tested positive for Covid in the past few weeks unfortunately. This has affected a number of students who have not had their regular teacher. I am aware there are similar problems in many other schools and currently 9% of teachers and 7.9% of support staff are currently absent from school across the county. This has placed increased pressure on staff and we are working hard to ensure continuity in education on site for all students.

I wish you a pleasant rest of the week and look forward to writing to you at the end of next week as the term ends.

Yours sincerely,

C. Whitehead

Mrs C Whitehead Principal

Key dates

## March 2022

Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 11 progression Interviews start
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	Year Leaders Rewards trips
Thurs 31 <sup>st</sup>	Year 9 K-side Living Rainforest trip

## April 2022

Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 9 G-side Living Rainforest trip
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Duke of Edinburgh weekend	
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	End of term – school closes at 1:20pm

Term dates for 2022-23