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**In
this
'Marvellous
May'
Edition...**



Nothing is impossible,
the word itself says - **"I'm possible!"**

Success doesn't come to you, **you go to it!**

Work **hard**,
dream **big**,
never give up!



Success is an Attitude!

On Tuesday 26th April, **Andy White** (a former CCC student) came to speak to Year 10 and 11 about the **Paralympics**, wheelchair basketball and Stoke Mandeville stadium. He even brought a real Olympic torch with him! **Jasper Grannum** said *"I liked that Andy said not to give up"*. Andy's message to all students was to try and do whatever it takes to get where you want to be. He talked about his experience with volunteering. He now works full time for **Wheelpower**, a company he had volunteered for and had impressed them so much. All of Year 10 and 11 thought he was very inspiring. **JJ Stanley** and **Christopher Garwood** were impressed with how Andy surpassed his expectations of what he thought he might be able to achieve in his life.

Gold for Gemma!! - ICU (International Cheer Union) World Cheerleading Championships, Florida

Congratulations to **Gemma Matthews**, one of our Year 13 students and her team **Unity Allstars Black**, who reached the finals of the **World Cheerleading Championships** in Orlando, Florida. After an amazing performance, they won gold, and are now world champions. Black are the first ever UK team to win a gold at a cheerleading world championship.

Gemma took part in 2 competitions

The first competition was the country teams where the top cheerleaders from each country form four teams: **Junior**, **Youth**, **All Girl Premier** (this is the adult team that Gemma is part of) and **Coed Premier**. 116 countries are members of the ICU and more than 50 countries competed, similar to the Olympics. All four England teams made it to the final day. Gemma's **'All Girl Premier'** team came 7th, which was an amazing achievement.

The second competition was the club teams. This is huge in the US - there are hundreds of teams in just the US, but there were teams from all over the world. Canada, Chile, Australia, Germany, Sweden.... to name a few. The USA has dominated this competition since it began. Gemma is in **Unity Allstars Black**, a level 7 team, the top level possible, the highest ranked UK team, and now 2022 world champions.

Cheerleading will become an Olympic sport, and be part of either Paris 2024 or US 2028. We hope to see Gemma there in the future!



Inspirational Speaker!

Sixth Form Successes!



Young Enterprise - Chiltern Showcase Final

On Wednesday, 4th May, our Year 12 Young Enterprise team, **Rebecca Strydom**, **Zoe McHale**, **Erin O'Connor**, **Poppy Eckegard-Hall**, **Matthew Hazard**, **Veer Kudhail**, **Alistair Smith** and **Jacob Perkins** did an absolutely fantastic job at the Chiltern Showcase final. Not only did they have to set up their stall and answer questions from the three judges, they had to present their company report and ideas to over 100 people. Matthew, Veer, Alistair and Jacob delivered the presentation and were extremely nervous, but you would never have known; they did an amazing job.

Sadly we didn't win a big award this time, but we are immensely proud of how our team were happy for everybody else. This time, there were 3 other schools that had similar products to ours and the companies that did win had very unique ideas.

Mrs Flisher felt it was an honour to host the whole event at CCC and other students/ teachers/ business advisors commented on what a great venue it was. She would like to thank everyone that was involved in helping with the night, and particularly our amazing students who were great Ambassadors of our school.



Our Brilliant Super Readers at CCC

In the LRC we launched a competition in the spring term for Year 7 and 8 to incentivise the love of reading on the back of the reading workshops. The four students whom read the most books would receive one of our used kindles as a prize. We are delighted to announce the following winners;

James Russell
Miriam Zkakarow
Lili Houghton
Zara Mian

Benefits of a Kindle

- Convenience. An e-reader is convenient. You can carry five thousand books in your hand.
- Books are cheaper in Kindle format than print and, in general, eBooks are cheaper than print.
- Dictionary. The dictionary feature is especially nice. Put your cursor in front of a word and you can immediately see that word's definition: A great way to increase your vocabulary.
- Electronic markers. Instead of using a pen and messing up your book, on an eReader you can highlight certain passages, take notes, and bookmark pages without a pen.



Book Reviews

Every Tuesday lunchtime the **Cover To Cover Book Club** meet, run by **Miss Billingham** and **Miss Gilbert**. This term Lili Houghton has written two book reviews the club has chosen to read.

The Tales Of Beedle The Bard By J.K Rowling

Genre: Fantasy
Released date: 4th December 2008
General time to read: 1-5 days
Average chapter length: 16 pages
Pages: 73

Blurb:

The Tales of Beedle the Bard contains five richly diverse fairy tales, each with its own magical character, that will variously bring delight, laughter and the thrill of mortal peril.

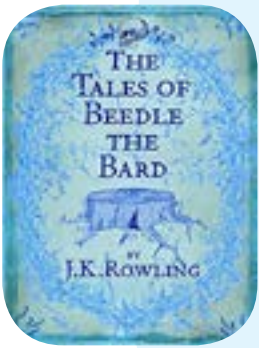
Additional notes for each story penned by Professor Albus Dumbledore will be enjoyed by Muggles and wizards alike, as the Professor muses on the morals illuminated by the tales, and reveals snippets of information about life at Hogwarts.

My opinion:

I thought the book was interesting. Some of the stories were good but some were not really good, my favorite was the tale of the hairy heart. Another thing I didn't like was the part where Albus Dumbledore spoke about the tales. On the take of the three brothers, I liked how he spoke after but for the rest of them I wasn't that interested in Dumbledore's bit, it was alright but not as good as it could have been.

Out of 10 I'd give it a 7.45

Lili Houghton - Year 8 (book lover)



All About Books!

Lili's Book Reviews!

LRC Reading Recommend for Half Term

One of Us Is Lying is a young adult, mystery/suspense novel by American author **Karen M. McManus**. The book is her debut novel. The book uses multiperspectivity to show the points-of-view of all four student suspects. It has received several accolades including a 166-week run on the New York Times best-seller list.

A boxset of four titles from the internationally bestselling author of **ONE OF US IS LYING**.

Secrets. Lies. Murder. The Karen M. McManus boxset has it all:

ONE OF US IS LYING

Five students go to detention. Only four leave alive.

ONE OF US IS NEXT

Truth or dare turns deadly. Who would you believe?

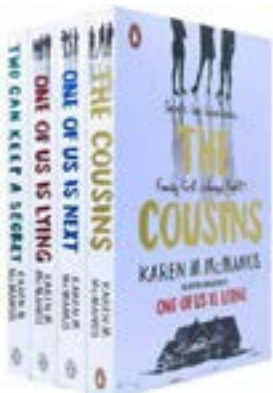
TWO CAN KEEP A SECRET

Two dead homecoming queens. Who's next?

THE COUSINS

Secrets. Lies. Inheritance. Family first always. Right?

'It's easy to see why queen of teen crime Karen McManus is a bestseller on both sides of the Atlantic' – Guardian



'Wordle'

Fancy a game of **'Wordle'**? Then [click here](#) to play. ENJOY!



Beware the Claws that Catch Alice By Kristina Henry

Genre: Horror
Release date: 10th October 2017
General time to read: 3 weeks
Chapter length average: 18 pages
Pages in book: 325

Blurb:

In a warren of crumbling buildings and desperate people called the Old City, there stands a hospital with cinderblock walls which echo the screams of the poor souls inside.

In the hospital, there is a woman. Her hair, once blond, hangs in tangles down her back. She doesn't remember why she's in such a terrible place. Just a tea party long ago, and long ears, and blood...

Then, one night, a fire at the hospital gives the woman a chance to escape, tumbling out of the hole that imprisoned her, leaving her free to uncover the truth about what happened to her all those years ago.

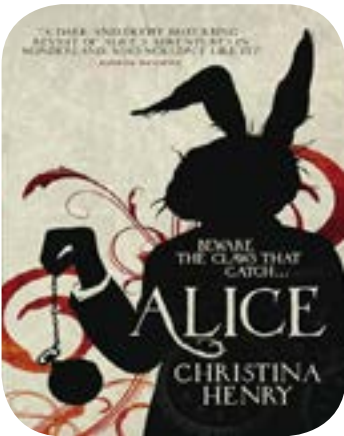
Only something else has escaped with her. Something dark. Something powerful.

And to find the truth, she will have to track this beast to the very heart of the Old City, where the rabbit waits for his Alice.

My Opinion:

I thought the book was good but sometimes it was a bit dragged out and the ending was quite sudden but I would give it a 8/10

Lili Houghton
- Year 8 (book lover)



Year 13 Fund-raisers

Well done to the **BTEC Business** Year 13 students who have been fundraising for **Fight For Sight UK**. They raised **over £1,000** by organising a bake sale and a staff car washing service.

They worked incredibly hard to raise money to help find a cure or treatment for **Choroideremia** which is a rare genetic disorder that causes progressive vision loss; it eventually leads to total blindness. This is a charity close to my heart. If anyone would like to donate [click here](#).

Mrs Aujla - Leader for BTEC Business Studies / Law



Fantastic Beasts

Where do you find *Fantastic Beasts*? Look no further than the Art Department where Year 7s have been creating their own mythical creatures. Made using a variety of media including collage and watercolour these wonderful, imaginative beasts are ready to be included in the next instalment of a wizarding film.

The Art Department



CCC Charity!



Amazing Art!



Year 9 Walk-a-thon

On Thursday 5th May, the Year 9s completed a Walk-a-thon and managed to raise **over £1,000** for those affected by the War in the Ukraine. They did really well with some fantastic performances from some of the students. The highest number of laps around the field that were completed in a 40 minute period was 12 by **Ben Tattershall Dodd** and **Nicole Czapla**. Special mentions to **Callum Taffe**, **James Dorrington** and **James Hinks** who all won awards for their effort. There were also a lot of spot prizes given out on the day to many other students who did amazingly well.

If you would like to donate to our charity drive, please feel free to do so by clicking [here](#):

A special thank you to all of the **Science Department** who helped to facilitate the event and to all of the other staff members who gave up their time to come out and cheer on our Year 9s. I know they really appreciated seeing you out there, as did I. Another thank you to my Yr 10 BTEC Sport class who helped keep track of the laps and were not short of encouraging words.

6 Miss Irvine - Leader of Year 9



Science meets Art

Photography and Digital Art club started last term. **Mrs Hunt** (Art) and **Mr Weir** (Science) have been working with the Year 7's and 8's This has become an after school club on Tuesdays from 3.15- 4.30.

Students have been experimenting with long exposures and creating light trails using digital camera equipment. Two of the current attendees created these images over recent weeks.

We look forward to the students developing their photo editing skills and expanding their knowledge of how to use a digital camera to create captivating images.

Any enquiries please contact **Mrs Hunt** – paulinehunt@chalfonts.org



Hospitality Industry Taster Day - Langley College

On Thursday 28th April, we took 22 students with an interest in hospitality/catering from Years 9, 10 and 11 to a **Hospitality Industry Taster Day** at Langley College. The day was set up to allow students the opportunity to watch live cookery demos, meets some top local and TV Chefs, have a go at sushi rolling and samosa making, as well as enjoying a delicious lunch.

The morning started off with a Rapper and some Dancers performing in front of the stage. There were then 3 demonstrations of food preparation; Pasta making by Tom Westerland, Head Chef at Crockers, Henley and National Chef of Wales 2018; Samosa making with Arbinder Singh Dugal, MasterChef Semi-Finalist 2019 and Private Chef and Sushi rolling with Sushi Master Keiko Urakawa.

Harvey Buchanan bravely entered the Samosa making competition at the end of the event. We didn't win but his Samosa did look amazing!

We hope this trip has inspired our students to further consider this area of work for a career.

Harvey made the following comments: *"This was a really fun trip. I loved being the only Year 9 and feel so lucky to have had the opportunity to attend this event. I have such a passion for cooking and this trip confirmed my desire to be a professional Chef."*



British Airways; Here I come!

We would like to congratulate **Lily Hunt**, one of our Year 11 students, for securing an apprenticeship with British Airways. After a long, rigorous recruitment process, she was offered a Level 2 Apprenticeship in Aviation Customer Service; we are so proud of her. We caught up with Lily for a quick interview in Tutor time:

Why did you apply for British Airways?

The opportunity was advertised by our Careers Team in school; on the website and via an email home. Having read about the apprenticeship, it really appealed to me as I like the idea of developing my customer service skills and also working with an organisation with as good a reputation as British Airways!

What will you be doing in this role?

There is a lot of variety in the job so I will learn a lot on this apprenticeship. I will be on a rota and could be in many different places including the check-in desks, airport lounges and boarding lounges. I am going to be working at Heathrow, across Terminals 3 and 5.

What was the recruitment process like?

I had to complete an initial application form and was then invited to take a number of tests. The first was a situational judgement test, and the others were numerical and critical reasoning tests – for these, I had to answer 10 questions in 12 minutes.

Following the tests, I was invited to a video interview and then finally to an assessment centre. I was delighted to reach this stage as there were 400 applications and 60 invited to the final stage. I was then offered the apprenticeship a couple of weeks later.

Message for future year 11 students

Keep your options open and always have a backup plan. Apply for lots of roles; it might take a time to find something you like and to secure an offer. Always prepare for every part of the recruitment process And just be yourself!

We wish Lily all the best for her apprenticeship.

Careers Hub!

From CCC to British Airways!



Bucks New University Visit

On Friday 13th May, we took another group of our Year 9 students on a visit to a **'Futures Day'** at Bucks New University in High Wycombe. Once again, our students were involved in so many activities led by the amazing Student Ambassadors. The students started off by learning various definitions and acronyms associated with Higher Education such as Graduate, NUS, BA, BSc and HE. Following this, they moved into a drawing and acting challenge and then a money mastermind. This was a great opportunity for students to understand more about the costs associated with university and living independently. They had to consider costs relating to accommodation, food, entertainment, books, travel and bills.

The students had a tour of the university covering the amazing library facilities, music and drama studios, sports facilities and social club. At the end of the programme, the students had to create a graduate poster, illustrating what characteristics and skills a University students might have. The teams then presented their posters to the larger group and were so professional and articulate.

We have had some very positive feedback from our students and look forward to another trip in the Summer term.



Chalfonts Success Stories



Name: Jade Banger
Job title: Midwife

What is your current role and who do you work for now?

I work as an NHS Midwife at St Mary's Hospital in London.

Tell us a bit about your job

As a midwife my role is very diverse and I love how every day is different. I look after pregnant women antenatally while they are pregnant, during their labour and postnatally after they have given birth. This

involves a mixture of day and night shifts each lasting 12.5 hours around 3-4 days per week. When coming onto a shift you never know what the day may entail. It's lovely and so interesting getting to know women and their birth partners from all different walks of lives and backgrounds. You also work with different colleagues

each shift which means you work with so many midwives and keeps the job exciting and never gets dull.

My uniform when on the labour ward is a pair of scrubs which is great as I don't have to think about a work outfit or do any of the washing! However when working in antenatal clinics we wear our uniform, either a dress or a tunic.

To become a Midwife you will need to do a degree in Midwifery at university which lasts 3 years. It's different from any other degree as it's a mixture of placement working in a hospital with your mentor (a qualified midwife) working 12.5 hours shifts, and university lectures. It's very intense but prepares you well for the job. You qualify as a Band 5 newly qualified Midwife. The pay varies depending on where you work as being in inner London the wage is higher, however the starting salary depending on the trust and location of the hospital is usually around £31,000 and will increase when you become a band 6 after a year or so. The pay scales are public and can be seen on the agenda for change pay rates website. (Interview continues below...)

Promoting a love of problem solving

The **Junior Mathematical Challenge** is a 60-minute, multiple-choice Challenge. It encourages **mathematical reasoning**, **precision of thought**, and **fluency** in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. The problems on the **Junior Mathematical Challenge** are designed to make students think.

Well done to the **126** Year 7 and Year 8 that sat the 2022 **UKMT Junior Maths Challenge** last month (open to all Year 7 and 8 in the UK).

This year we had **56 certificate winners** which is amazing and a new record for The Chalfonts Community College.

5 x Gold, 16 x Silver, 35 Bronze

The winners were: **Gold - Ligaya Carter, Aditya Agrawal, Lexie Fountain, Neil Batra, John Turkington. Silver - Ellie Mayhew, Lucy Mustoe, Ana Yiannouzis, Yuvraj Grewal, Lexi Macbride, Cian Lynch, Daisy O'Hallron-Donaldson, Dylan Bangay, Jake Needham, Ahyan Siddiqui, Sienna O'Sullivan, Lilly Smith, Ava Butcher, Rosie Austin, Lili Houghton, Emelia Rushworth.**

Bronze - Lenny Carle, Mohammad Hayat, Henry Jackson, Lauren Douglas, Kimberley Gore, Sienna Wenman, Zara Mian, Maya Dalkiewicz-Tomaszycka, Austin Testa, Sophie Dorrington, Nieve Lovelock, Lucas Malpass, Isaac Romero, Henry Taylor, Davina Elombo, Ronnell Jones, Zac Copper, Rayyan Khan, Emily Honeyman, Ted Manning, Simran Dodia, Miriam Zacharow, Mujtaba Bhatti, Emily Neill, Neel Sharma, Nyreece Taylor, Ruby Evans, Eddie Harris, Cayla Yapi, Harry Jenkinson, Harrison McNally, Ryan Wilson, Johnny Gibbins, Archie O'Hara, Ruby Webb.

This was a fantastic success for CCC because it was a record results compared to previous years;

- 2018 – **31** certificate winners
- 2019 – **30** certificate winners
- 2020 – **23** certificate winners
- 2021 – **31** certificate winners
- 2022 – **57** certificate winners

Mr Vahora - Assistant Head Teacher



Chalfonts Alumni

(...Interview continued)

What did you study at The Chalfonts Community College and what is the best route to get into what you are doing?

I left the Chalfont's in 2013 and I studied Biology, Geography, English Literature and Applied Business studies for my A-Levels.

What inspired you about doing this role? When did you decide to take this career?

I decided that I wanted to study Midwifery during my first year of sixth form. I knew I had always wanted to work in a hospital environment as had always been fascinated by medicine and the work that health care professionals do. When researching careers midwifery stood out to me as midwives support healthy women experiencing a normal process of life, opposed to working with sick and unwell patients on a daily basis.

10 *I did my research into the role, enrolled on university taster days and secured some volunteering work at a local hospital which all made me secure my decision into choosing this path and career.*

What tips would you give to students about their future careers?

Never stop trying! Especially when applying to apprenticeships there's thousands available, I was turned down from several before securing my role. Make your successes (big or small) stand out on your CV don't think that because it was a small achievement you can't put what you learnt from it and how you grew after that. Most importantly do what you're passionate about because if you're doing that the hard work will always seem worth it!



CCC Talent!

Student Planner Design Competition Winner Announced

Following the launch of the 2022-23 CCC Student Planner Design Competition; we are delighted to announce the 1st prize winner: **Olivia Webb** in Year 9. Her design was thoughtfully created and really captures the essence of our school community. We are really proud of her and look forward to seeing her design on our new planners for the next academic year. Well done Olivia!

Miss Lang - Vice Principal



The Chalfonts Community College Bake Off



In Celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee,
we invite you to make a Jubilee themed cake,
biscuit or cookie as a tutor group.
Judging will take place in the LRC.
Only one entry per Tutor Group
Deadline: 26th May 2022

Prize: a pizza lunch for the winning tutor group on Friday 27th May



27th

End of Term



2nd/3rd

Jubilee Bank Holiday

6th

Return to School



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



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