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CHALFONTS NEWS

Success is an Attitude

Issue 15

**In this
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Special
Easter Egg-
stravaganza
Edition...**



£473.00 was raised for **Muscular Dystrophy UK** on 'Bright Day.'

HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!

£2,300 was raised by the **Sixth Form Quiz Night**.

Sixth Form Taster Day

On the last Thursday before half term, Year 11 students had the opportunity to experience a taste of what it is like to be in the 6th Form at The Chalfonts Community College. Students chose five taster sessions in subjects that were of interest to them, and judging by their feedback forms and the photographs below the day was a real success. Below are some quotes from students about the experience.

“Most of all I enjoyed English, ICT and Beauty because they were fun, interactive, realistic and informative.”

“My favourite sessions were Psychology and Business because they were fast paced and interesting. I also learned a lot at the same time.”

“I enjoyed the subjects where we did a practical, and I liked the enthusiasm of the teachers.”

“It was good that 6th Formers were in the sessions to provide extra information about the subjects.”

We now look forward to interviewing every Year 11 student regarding their next steps, and welcoming many of them into the 6th Form in September.

Mr Way - Leader for Sixth Form



Readathon Reading Fun!



We would love you to encourage your children to be a part of our school readathon. Readathon is a sponsored read that raises money for books to be purchased

for hospitals and for readers to read to sick children. Please join **Miss Gilbert** (whom has already raised over **£200**) in doing a sponsored read. To donate or join in, [click here](#).

“This sponsored read has proved a valuable tool in our drive to create lifelong readers. We firmly believe, and much research has shown, that instilling a reading habit from childhood produces successful, empathetic adults, and at the same time we are serving our community by raising money to provide great books for children in

hospitals.” - Read For Good spokesperson

Schools participating in Readathons in the past say that it has made their students:

- Enjoy reading more.
- More likely to read something in their freetime daily.
- Read a wider variety of materials in their free time.
- More likely to agree that reading is cool.
- More likely to carry on reading even when they find it difficult.
- More likely to use the school library.
- Almost half of children on Free School Meals said they read more often having taken part in Readathon.
- Have higher life satisfaction scores – they are happier!
- And 60% of all children surveyed said that pupils would read more if it raised money for children in hospital.

We also ask teachers and librarians who run Readathon to give us their feedback – 80% find reluctant readers read more and it motivates the whole class or school to read.

For more details or to pick up a sponsor form, please come to the LRC. Happy reading and let’s make lots of money for a good cause!

LRC Staff

Sixth Form Successes!

All About Books!



Sixth Form Charity Bake Sale

On Friday 2nd December 2022, the Charity Fundraising group consisting of several Year 12 Students organised a bake sale to raise money for Cancer Research UK. This was surprisingly successful raising

£283.07 in one morning. This was their first venture to raise funds for charity and they did very well. Look out for more

sales that are charitable, activities and opportunities they will be organising over the next term.

Thank you to the following who contributed and assisted this event- it would not have happened without you!

Erin M and **Holly M** who were paramount in organising everyone! (Including me!) **Katie H**, **Grace P**, **Isabelle H**, **Ashley M**, **Jia B**, **Maisie P**, **Chase (Mimi) R**, **Katy D**, **Emilia W**.

Well done all and I look forward to helping with you all on your next enterprise!

Mrs Hunt
Art & Photography Teacher

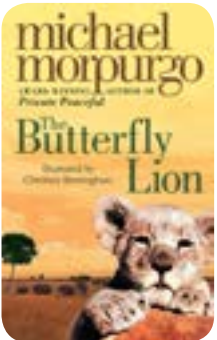
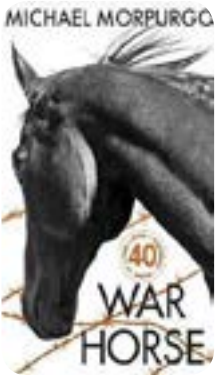
Christmas Hampers

Many thanks to our Sixth Form students who have created some beautiful hampers which have been delivered to St Joseph’s Church in the last week of the Christmas term.



Michael Morpurgo Virtual Event on World Book Day 2023

On **World Book Day** (2nd March) our students enjoyed the opportunity to join **Michael Morpurgo** in a virtual presentation. Michael read an extract from his book **War Horse** and spoke about where he got his inspiration from which was so interesting and inspiring.



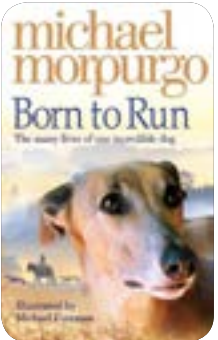
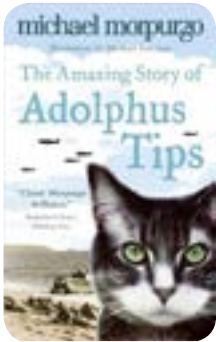
Michael also took questions from students. Did you know that 1 million horses went to World War I to support troops and only 67,000 came back. **Miss Castleton’s** and **Miss Brooks** Year 7 class whom had English listened to the talk and highly recommend to listen to it live. Michael often writes about animals in his books, please see a recommendation list below; **The Butterfly Lion**, **Shadow**, **Adolphus Tips**, and **Born To Run**, all contain animals.

If you are a fan of Michael’s many novels [click here](#) to watch his talk.



‘Wordle’

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



World Book Day 2023 Fun

World Book Day 2023 has been a resounding success and I must take this opportunity to thank all the members of staff who have helped in one way or another to make the day a memorable one. I must especially thank the: **Art Department**, **Food Department** and the ladies in the **Learning Resource Centre (LRC)**. These members of staff have worked tirelessly to ensure that everything went smoothly on the day. The students did some brilliant pieces of artwork which were displayed in the **Rubicon** and the excitement was palpable as staff and students admired the work. There was a real ‘buzz’ as the staff and students discussed the work and voted for their **1st**, **2nd** and **3rd** place winners. The results were very close but eventually, **Lucy** was placed first, **Lola-Blu** came second and **Kari** was awarded third place.

The students were treated with some delicious cupcakes which were baked and packaged by the **Food Department** and they thoroughly enjoyed them. Fortune cookies were also made for the members of staff to enjoy and each cookie had a quotation about reading placed inside it. A few students also baked cakes and made drinks that are related to books that they have read and they were beautifully displayed in the **Food Department**. There was also a special display of

inspirational books and posters about reading in the LRC. Another highlight of the day was that some members of staff were dressed in costumes representing their favourite character from a book that they have read. The students were fascinated by this and it was a great talking point among them. **Miss Hughes** won the prize for best costume and **Mrs Hunt** was awarded the prize for the most creative costume.

We hope that World Book Day will continue to motivate and inspire students to pick up a book and read. According to this quotation: *‘This is the beauty of books; it makes you imagine things beyond possibility’*.

Miss Brooks - Literacy coordinator, Year 9 Coordinator and Lead Practitioner



World Book Day Digital Token

Introducing the fantastic line-up of £1 books for World Book Day on 2nd March 2023! The £1 books are an important part of mission to promote reading for pleasure by offering every child and young person the opportunity to choose and own a book. We work with publishers and children to create a list that appeals to a wide range of interests and stages of reading with the help of our selection guidance.



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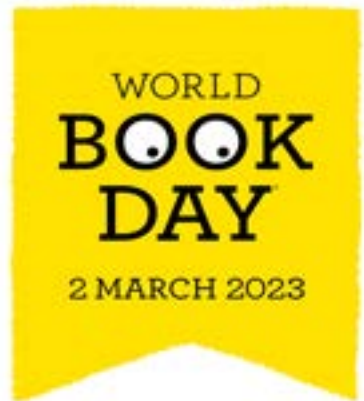
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World Book Day!

Benefits of Reading!



Essay Competition

We are delighted to say two of our Sixth Form students, **Freya H** and **Chloe B** recently entered an essay competition run by **Immerse Education** and were offered partial scholarships to attend Summer academic programmes based in Oxford and Cambridge this year. They had a choice of twenty questions they could answer and **Freya** chose to write about Business Management and **Chloe** focused on Economics.

Thousands of entries were received for this competition and the tutors commented on the high quality of entries.

We would like to congratulate both of these students on this amazing achievement.

Jiro Yanome, School Liaison Manager for Immerse Education said *“Being selected to receive a scholarship offer is a fantastic achievement for any student.”*



Penny Joelson Visits CCC

On Thursday 23rd February 2023, the inspirational author **Penny Joelson** gave a fantastic presentation to 295 (Year 7, 8 and 9) students at The Chalfonts Community College. She also did a workshop with 35 students who are keen to become an author in the future. They thoroughly enjoyed the event and felt privileged to have met **Mrs Joelson**. It was heart-warming to see how engaged the students were during the presentation. When they were given the opportunity to ask questions, they flooded **Mrs Joelson** with numerous questions as they were intrigued to hear about her journey in becoming a successful author. I would like to thank **Nicola** and **Rowan** for taking photographs.

This is what some students have said either about the workshop or the presentation:

"I enjoyed it when she read a bit from her book. I liked it because the book sounds interesting and makes me want to read the rest of it."

"I found it very interesting about how she became an author, how books were made and what the author gets in return after writing the book."

"I liked how she explained how long it took to write her books, find an agent and then getting it published because it shows how much effort you have to put in to be an author and that you should never give up."

"I liked writing my own paragraph in the workshop because I got to use my imagination."

Miss Brooks - Year 9 English Coordinator, Literacy Coordinator



Book Reviews

Every week **Miss Gilbert** recommends a book for Key Stage 3, 4 and Sixth Form. These are her latest recommendations.

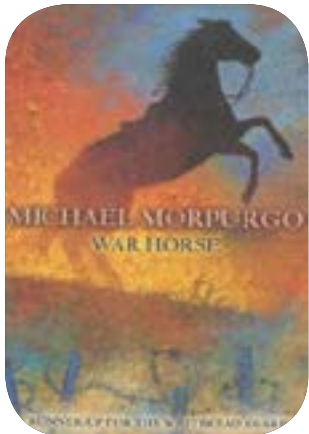
War Horse
By Michael Morpurgo
Genre: Historical Fiction

Blurb:
In the deadly chaos of the First World War, one horse witnesses the reality of battle from both sides of the trenches. Bombarded by artillery, with bullets knocking riders from his back, Joey tells a powerful story of the truest friendships surviving in terrible times.

One horse has the seen the best and the worst of humanity. The power of war and the beauty of

peace. This is his story.

War Horse was adapted by Steven Spielberg as a major motion picture with Jeremy Irvine, Emily Watson, and Benedict Cumberbatch. The National Theatre production opened in 2007 and has enjoyed successful runs in the West End and on Broadway.



I Have No Secrets
By Penny Joelson
Genre: Mystery

Blurb:
Jemma knows who did the murder. She knows because he told her. And she can't tell anyone.

Fourteen-year-old Jemma has severe cerebral palsy. Unable to communicate or move, she relies on her family and carer for everything. She has a sharp brain and inquisitive nature, and knows all sorts of things about everyone. But when she is confronted with this terrible secret, she is utterly powerless to do anything. Though that might be about to change...

*A page-turning thriller seen through the eyes of a unique narrator, this is a truly original, heart-rending and compulsive book for young adult readers. Perfect for fans of **Wonder**, **The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time** and **Looking for JJ**.*



Author Visit!

Miss Gilbert Recommends!



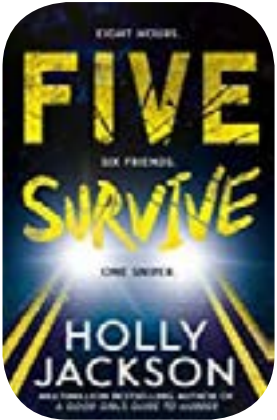
Five Survive
By Holly Jackson
Genre: Suspence

Blurb:
Eighteen year old Red and her friends are on a road trip in an RV, heading to the beach for Spring Break.

It's a long drive but spirits are high. Until the RV breaks down in the middle of nowhere. And as the wheels are shot out, one by one, the friends realise that this is no accident.

There's a sniper out there. He's watching them and he knows exactly who they are. One of the group has a secret that the sniper is willing to kill for.

As a game of cat-and-

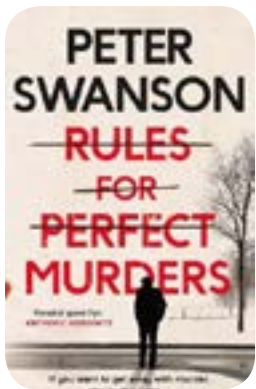


mouse plays out, the group desperately tries to get help. Buried secrets are forced to light and tensions within the group reach deadly levels. Only one thing is for sure. Not everyone will survive the night...

Rules For Perfect Murders
By Peter Swanson
Genre: Mystery

Blurb:
If you want to get away with murder, play by the rules.

Years ago Malcolm Kershaw wrote a list of his 'Eight Favourite Murders' for his Old Devils mystery bookshop blog. Among others, it included those from Agatha Christie's The ABC Murders, Patricia Highsmith's Strangers on a Train and Donna Tartt's The Secret History. Now, just before Christmas, Malcolm finds himself at the heart of an investigation - as an FBI agent believes someone may be re-enacting each of the murders on his list.



Can the killer be stopped before they get away with eight perfect murders?

Art Clubs

On a Tuesday and Thursday lunchtime, **Mrs Huckle** runs the **Warhammer Painting Club**, mostly attended by Year 11 students. Here are some of the models they have painted arranged on scenery made by **Mrs. Huckle**; they bring in their own models to paint so they can build up their own armies at home.

After school on Wednesdays **Mrs Hunt** and **Mr Weir** run **Photography Club**.



Youngest students to administer, sculpture and cure a filling!

On Thursday 12th January, we were very privileged to be able to take some Year 9 students to a 'first of its kind' (in the UK) Oral Health Career session, at HealthTec which is a unique health simulation centre based in the Aylesbury Campus of the Buckinghamshire College Group, and is a Partnership with NHS Health Education England.

During the Oral Health Career sessions, students met the regional dental team and were guided through how to administer, sculpture and cure a filling using actual dental equipment. Students were then shown the many varied roles in the dental profession and entry routes to further study.



Dental Regional Advisor, **Shabir Shivji** said,

"The session gave the students the opportunity to undertake a dental practical exercise and engage with different, experienced members of the oral health workforce to understand the opportunities that may be open to them."

The discussion on the privilege of working for the NHS and the potential impact that the oral health team can make on patients lives, opened the students' eyes to the opportunities and benefits of working within the NHS.

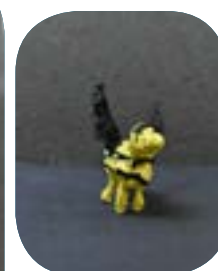
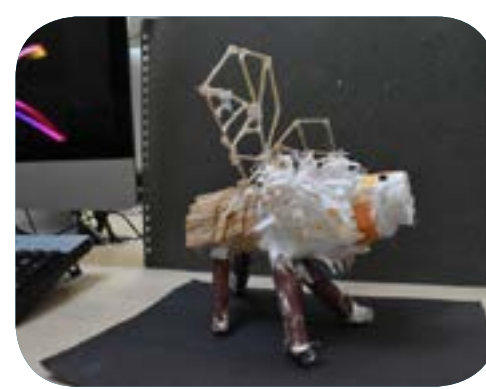
All students that attended engaged well within the sessions and received a valued certificate of completion that will become useful when making applications into the oral health industry in the future.



Amazing Art!

On Thursday lunchtime, **Miss Kandasamy** runs **Art Club**.

Here are some of the crazy creatures they have made to run alongside Year 7's **Creature Feature Topic**. Here are some hand print animals and a paper shape monkey. As a homework task the Year 7's have been challenged with making a 3D creature, here are some of their creations.



Hospitality Industry Taster Day

On Tuesday, 7th February, a large group of our Catering Students attended a Hospitality event with a number of other schools at Langley College, for an insight into the world of the hospitality industry. When we arrived, we were welcomed with a canapé and mocktail reception and then entertained by a Rapper, known for his work on TicToc. Then the cookery demonstrations commenced! We were shown how to make pasta, bread, sushi and then chocolate eclairs, all by top local and national professionals. Two of our students, Harvey Buchanan and Nevanki Herath did a great job in decorating an éclair.



We were extremely lucky in that we were the only school to be shown the restaurant and kitchen training area and also the new mock airport/ airplane room for the Cabin Crew course! Two of our students took on the role of Cabin Crew, sharing the safety information with the group.

As a result of this trip, we have students interested in becoming chefs and also now someone interested in a career in Aviation! Amazing!



Sixth Formers ‘Talk the Talk’

As our students are thinking seriously about their next steps post Sixth Form, we were delighted to invite into school an organisation called ‘Talk the Talk’ to deliver a ‘Talk about the future’ workshop. This workshop supports students preparing to leave school or college by developing the competencies needed to take this next step with confidence, resilience and a positive mindset. The purpose of the day was to help students identify employability skills, develop interview techniques, nurture presentation skills, improve connections with employers and boost self-esteem.

‘I thought the day was really beneficial as it taught me how to effectively deal with interview situations. I learnt a lot about how to prepare for one and I learnt a lot of important skills too’ - Sixth Form student



Development Day for Year 11s

On Thursday 9th February, a number of Year 11 students spent the day off timetable to consider their options post Year 11.

One half of the group attended a tour of Langley College to see their facilities, whilst the other half worked on Unifrog, our online one stop shop careers tool back in school. When all students were reunited, they listened to a presentation about apprenticeships.

Following this, we had a talk from Nicole Leask, Marketing and Admissions Manager at The Global Academy. This local Academy offers a unique academic and practical opportunity for Year 10 – Year 12 students looking to enter the radio, TV, digital, advertising, and social media industries. We are delighted to say that one of our students was so impressed with the offer from the Academy that they applied there and then.

In the afternoon, the students attended an interview workshop, part of which involved interviewing **Mr Howard**, one of our Assistant Principals!



Chalfonts Success Stories

Name: Beck Fisher
Job title: Swing Dresser at ‘**Les Miserables**’

What is your current role and who do you work for now?
I work as a Swing Dresser on the London West End production of ‘Les Miserables’ and have done for the last 5 years, and have worked within the wardrobe department for theatre and as a costume maker for 10 years.

Tell us a bit about your job.
I work at least 32 hours over 6 days/8 shows to cover the run of the show, with extra hours accumulating with understudy rehearsals and laundry calls. I am paid £468 for my basic hours. We don’t really have a uniform, but anyone in the crew who steps in to the wings is required to wear black clothing that suitably covers our skin.

There are eight dressers and three swing dressers on our show. A dresser sets up all of their designated actors’ costumes for the show, helps with quick changes and assists the wardrobe department in maintaining the costumes. As a swing dresser I learn each individual dresser’s routine ready to cover when they’re on holiday or ill.

What did you study at The Chalfonts Community College and which years were you in Chalfont?
I studied at Chalfonts from 2001-2008, selecting Art and Drama for my GCSEs and then choose ICT, English Literature, Art and Media Studies for AS/A Level.

What inspired you about doing this role? When did you decide to take this career?
I studied a foundation year in Art and Design at The Arts University Bournemouth, taking the textiles pathway to lead to my degree of Costume For Stage And Screen. Learning costume construction eventually led to the more technical side of running a show and therefore led me to dressing.

(Interview continues below...)

Apprenticeship Week!

Chalfonts Alumni



Martin Baker Visits CCC

On Wednesday 8th February, we were very pleased to welcome staff from **Martin Baker** into school to deliver a presentation about their organisation and the apprenticeships they offer, to many of our Year 10 and 11 Engineering students. **Martin Baker** is the world’s biggest ejector seat manufacturer and has made over 80,000 seats, which have saved 7690 lives so far.

We were joined by two of their current apprentices who talked a little about their journeys so far. The roles within Martin

Baker include testing, design engineering, systems engineering and environmental impact. They explained that the company look for talent, excitement and imagination and are offering apprenticeships at different levels.

The students were shown materials used in the design and engineering of the ejector seats and also the safety parachute.



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We are hoping this has inspired some of our students to consider taking Engineering forward and possibly applying to **Martin Baker**!

(...Interview continued)

The possibility of working backstage didn’t appear on my radar until I was offered work experience at University, funnily enough on ‘Les Miserables’! I loved the electric atmosphere of being a part of live theatre, to bring a story to thousands of people who love what they’re seeing as much as you’re producing. It’s allowed me to keep my hand in costume maintenance and making alongside the running of the show.

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

I’d advise people to have a small part of your mind reserved for flexibility, and that doesn’t just mean being prepared if things go wrong. Opportunities may present

themselves to you when you least expect them, leading you to new and exciting pathways you wouldn’t have considered before!

Disclaimer

In honour of New Year, New Me, Beck is now working for ‘Cosprop’, a costume hire company for theatre, film, TV and exhibition. I am the Womenswear Returns And Stock Maintenance assistant, managing returned costumes as they come back to the company.



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Denham United Ladies FC Wants **YOU!**

Established in 1998 Denham United Ladies is the largest all-female club in the southeast of England, with 10 teams, two community engagement programmes and in excess of 200 female players.

At Denham we strive to give women and girls of all ages the opportunity to play football through a comprehensive player pathway. We believe on creating the right environment for our players to reach their potential and grow in confidence and enjoy playing football regardless of ability.

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Economics Workshop with EconplusDal

The economics students attended an exam workshop by a well known Economics youtuber who is to thank for thousands of A* grades in Economics, his name is **EconplusDal**. He delivers a masterclass on A-level Economics in comprehensive and dynamic workshops. He helps unlock exam secrets, perfect core content and gain application nuggets to push students to the highest marks.

EconplusDal says *"When I was studying Economics at school and at University, I often wondered why there were never any recordings of class or lecture content. Revision and grasping key concepts was at times difficult; it was hard to stay ahead of the game. This was the start of EconplusDal, realising the opportunity to fill that void by making Economics tutorial videos covering all content, suitable for students all around the world regardless of the course being studied. I also post videos to best guide exam technique, write books and offer personal services to aid revision for those all important exams all for the benefit of students; enjoy!"*

Mr Howard - Head of Economics, Head of Year 9



STEM Successes

Promoting a love of problem solving

In February, students in Years 9 - 11 competed in the **2023 UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge**.

The Maths Challenge is a nationwide competition that is very tough. Over 200,000 of the most able maths students from more than 3000 schools and colleges across the UK participate in the IMC each year. Only the highest scorers are awarded certificates.

Pupils at The Chalfonts achieved **5 Silver** and **12 Bronze** certificates which is fantastic. A special well done to **Anshika** in Year 9 who achieved a silver certificate which is a brilliant.

This year's winners are:

Silver: **Christian** (Year 11); **Nathan C** (Year 10); **James H** (Year 10); **Oleksandr S** (Year 10); **Anshika B** (Year 9).

Bronze: **Faria S** (Year 11); **Henry A** (Year 11); **John T** (Year 10); **Lulu R** (Year 10); **Kassim F** (Year 10); **Toby R** (Year 10); **Luke S** (Year 10); **Ikjyot C** (Year 10); **Alex R** (Year 10); **Paige P** (Year 10); **Aaliyah B** (Year 9); **Marcos A** (Year 9).

We are now looking forward to the Junior challenge for Years 7 & 8 on 26th April. If you would like to know more about the Maths Challenge, please visit: <https://www.ukmt.org.uk/about-us/>

Mr Vahora - Assistant Principal, Teacher of Maths



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

12 Top Tips for BUILDING CYBER RESILIENCE AT HOME

As a society, we're increasingly using technology and tech services in the home. Digital assistants which can adjust the heating or turn lights on and off; streaming services for shows and movies on demand; games consoles; smart speakers; phones; laptops ... the list goes on. As we introduce each new gizmo to our homes, however, we increase the level of threat from cyber criminals. It's essential, therefore, that we learn to become more cyber resilient in relation to the devices and digital services that the people in our household use.

WHAT IS 'CYBER RESILIENCE'?

Cyber resilience focuses on three key areas: reducing the likelihood of a cyber attack gaining access to our accounts, devices or data; reducing the potential impact of a cyber incident; and making the recovery from a cyber attack easier, should we ever fall victim to one.

1. PASSWORDS: LONGER AND LESS PREDICTABLE

The longer, less common and predictable a password is, the more difficult it becomes for cyber criminals to crack. The National Cyber Security Centre's 'three random words' guidelines are ideal for creating a long password which is easy to remember but hard to guess.

2. AVOID RE-USING PASSWORDS

When you use the same password across different logins, your cyber resilience is only as strong as the security of the weakest site or service you've signed up for. If cyber criminals gain access your username and password for one site or service, they'll definitely try them on others.

3. USE A PASSWORD MANAGER

A good way to juggle different passwords for every site or service you use is to have a password manager. This software stores all your passwords for you, so you simply need to remember the master password. LastPass, Dashlane, Password and Keeper are all excellent password managers.

4. BACK UP YOUR DATA

Keep a copy of your data using OneDrive, Google Drive or another reputable cloud-based storage solution. If it's extremely important or sensitive information, you could even decide to keep more than one back-up version - by saving it to a removable USB drive or similar device, for example.

5. ENABLE MULTI-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION (MFA)

Multi-factor authentication is where you need access to your phone (to receive a code, for example) or another source to confirm your identity. This makes it far more difficult for cyber criminals to gain entry to your accounts and your data, even if they do manage to get your username and password.

6. CHOOSE RECOVERY QUESTIONS WISELY

Some services let you set 'recovery questions' - such as your birthplace or a pet's name - in case you forget your password. Take care not to use information you might have mentioned (or are likely to in future) on social media. More unpredictable answers make cyber criminals' task far harder.

7. SET UP SECONDARY ACCOUNTS

Some services provide the facility to add secondary accounts, phone numbers and so on to help with potentially recovering your account. Make sure you set these up: they will be vital if you're having trouble logging in or if you're trying to take back control of your account after a cyber attack.

8. KEEP HAVING FUN WITH TECH

Consider our tips in relation to the gadgets and online services your household uses. Protect yourself and your family, and don't let the bad guys win: devices are not only integral to modern life but also a lot of fun - so as long as you keep safety and security in mind, don't stop enjoying your tech.

9. CHECK FOR BREACHES

You can check if your personal information has been involved in any known data breaches by entering your email address at www.haveibeenpwned.com (yes, that spelling is correct!). It's useful if you're worried about a possible attack - or simply as motivation to review your account security.

10. CHANGE DEFAULT IOT PASSWORDS

Devices from the 'Internet of Things' (IoT), such as 'smart' home appliances, are often supplied with default passwords. This makes them quicker to set up, but also less secure - criminals can identify these standard passwords more easily, so change them on your IoT devices as soon as possible.

11. KEEP HOME DEVICES UPDATED

Download official software updates for your household's mobile phones, laptops, consoles and other internet-enabled devices regularly. Security improvements and fixes are a key feature of these updates - so by ensuring each device is running the latest version, you're making them more secure.

12. STAY SCEPTICAL

Cyber criminals commonly use various methods, including emails, text messages and social media posts. Be cautious of any messages or posts that are out of the ordinary, offer something too good to be true or emphasise urgency - even if they appear to come from someone you know.

Meet Our Expert

Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at a large boarding school in the UK, having previously taught in schools and colleges in Britain and the Middle East. With a particular interest in digital citizenship and cyber security, he believes it is essential that adults and children alike become more aware of the risks associated with technology, as well as the many benefits.





National Online Safety

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CCC's Got Talent

The CCC Talent show was held on Thursday the 2nd February saw some of our incredible students present their talents on the infamous school stage; the stage that has been the platform for hundreds of performing arts events over the years. As the school offers excellent facilities to help our students sing, dance and act, the standard was very high.

The variety of acts was very diverse; from contemporary dance, musical theatre, acting and band performances. The hall was full of parents and friends and on the esteemed judging panel we were delighted with the every performance.

Mrs Whitehead, our school Principal was the Head judge and she was accompanied by Mrs Procopi, Mrs Byrne and Mrs Irvine. They had such a difficult job! Instead of just awarding the three main prizes of Winner of the Lower School, Winner of the Upper School and Overall Winner they made mention of some exceptional individuals who were absolutely superb.

The winners:

Lower School

1st **Ace Band** – An amazing, entertaining musical mash up of songs.

2nd **Nina Stetsiuk** – piano recital performed by a talented musician

3rd **39 Clues** – Dance Ensemble. Performing a complex dance routine inspired by “Hamilton”

Upper School

1st **Reece Perry** and **Jasmine Nituan**

– Piano and song; a powerful, accomplished performance both vocally and piano playing

2nd **Taff Mason**

– A word perfect monologue, full of emotion, confidently presented from “Lord of the Flies”

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CCC Talent Show!

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3rd **Rose Holt** – Singer, songwriter, guitar player – a captivating performance

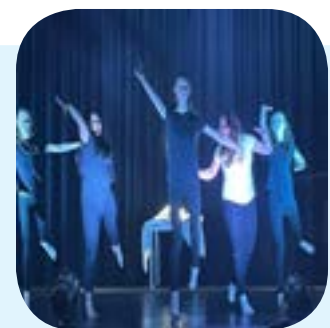
Overall winner: **Emilia Rushworth** who performed “Speechless” from Disney’s Live “Aladdin” – a beautiful performance delivered with such emotion, it left judges speechless!

The Performing Arts team were delighted to offer our amazing students an opportunity to increase their confidence in a safe and happy environment. We cant wait to do it again!

Miss Puttock - Teacher of Drama



Team Dance 2023



Team Dance was set up in 2015 and on Saturday 21st January the Dance Department put on its seventh **Team Dance** competition at CCC! There were three teams who got involved, and it's been fantastic to watch students across the year groups interact with each other and share their love

for Dance and their creativity within these Teams. The ethos of **Team Dance** is not just putting on a Dance show, but about raising confidence, challenging students, and giving them opportunities. **Team Dance** brings students of all ages together to form great friendships and share a common vision, whilst making memories along the way.

Putting on a production like **Team Dance** is always very exciting, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank my Team Captains; **Lili Houghton** and **Zara Mian** (Year 9) who lead **39 CLUES**, and **Matilda Patterson** and **Brooke Plant** (Year 10) who lead **The SOCIALITES**. **Amelia Savage**, **Tilly Kedge** (Year 10) and **Kaela Reader** (Year 13) were Team Captains for **TRIGGER WARNING**, and although they did not compete against **39 CLUES** and **the SOCIALITES**, they performed a number of dances before and during the show.

The theme this year for **Team Dance 2023** was 'Social Issues #ICanRelate'. All six Team Captains had full control in leading their Teams. They worked tirelessly since September organising rehearsals, choreography, costume, set, props, lighting, music, and so much more! The Team Captains gave their dancers the confidence and the opportunity to do what they do best – getting on stage and performing, whilst communicating the theme of 'Social Issues #ICanRelate'.

An audience of friends and family members supported the event and celebrated the number of awards achieved throughout the evening: **Lola Pearsall** (Year 9) won **Best Solo**. **Matilda Patterson** and **Brooke Plant** (Year 10) won **Best Duet**. **Ava Butcher**, **Ruby Evans** and **Martha Lucey** (Year 8) won **Best Trio**. **Best Small Dance** was awarded to **Keira Bowers**, **Lili Houghton**, **Poppy Littman** and **Isla Mincham** (KS3), and **Best Group Dance** went to **39 Clues Team** for an inspiring adaptation of Alexander Hamilton. **Amber Bowers** (Year 7) and **Roxy Bassett** (Year 8) both had the wow factor and won **Best Performers** in their Teams. Without a shadow of a doubt **Isla Mincham** (Year 8) won **Best Executed Trick Movement** for all her flicks and tricks and having audience member's hearts in their mouths! And lastly, **Amelia Savage** (Year 10) impressed **Mrs Yalden** (Leader for Dance) throughout the rehearsal process and performance and received **Most Enthusiastic** and **Most Contribution to Team Dance**. ([Article continues below...](#))

Canada Ski Trip February 2023 – Panorama Mountain Resort

(<https://www.panoramaresort.com/>)



After a 3 year restriction imposed wait, on the 11th February, 39 students and 4 staff headed to Panorama Mountain resort in the Canadian Rockies. After an eight hour flight, a four hour bus journey and one particularly awkward customs officer, travellers arrived at The Approach Hotel and crashed pretty hard!

After a welcome fry up and ski fitting, the group were split into five by ability and started the first of their six hour days of ski-ing. Groups progressed well and the instructors were really responsive to the abilities and interests of the group. At 12:00 each day, all groups would return to the resort for a cooked lunch, with the day on the slopes finishing at 3:30. Dinner was included and had a daily theme, including Roast Dinner and Chinese.

For evening entertainment, the group took two trips to the local hot springs, which was a nice tonic for weary muscles. **Mrs Irvine** also kindly ran a revision evening for those Year 10's who were returning to mock exams.

The intention is to run the trip again in 2024. Please look out for communication home should you be interested in taking part.

Mr Fawcett - Teacher of PE, i/c BTEC Quality Assurance

Team Dance!



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The overall winner for **Team Dance 2023** was awarded to **The Socialites** and was presented by four judges who are students and former students of The Chalfonts

Community College as well as former-Team Dance Captains. They were **Kerensa-Lily Stokes**, (Year 11), **Daisy Adams**, **Nicola Evans** and **Annie Morris**.

The evening was a huge success. Full of dance, entertainment and an opportunity for friends and family to socialise and meet other parents, whilst enjoying refreshments provided by **Amelia Franklin** (Year 11), **Sophie Hyland** (Year 12), **Charlotte Hyland** and **Lois Purvey** (Former CCC students) to raise funds

for World Challenge.

Team Dance is a student led project that inspires and encourages all students involved to work together to make Team Dance happen. The Dance Department would also like to thank **Huxley Andrews Gizzy** (Year 10) once again for operating the lights.

With so much talent at The Chalfonts Community College the Dance Department cannot wait to begin plans for **Team Dance 2024**!

Mrs Yalden - Leader for Dance



Canadian Ski Trip!





31st

End of Term -
12.35pm finish



17th

Everyone
Returns to School

20th

Year 7
Parent evening (online)



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