



Chesterton Sixth Form (CSF)

Here's our World Book Day video: https://tmet-my.sharepoint.com/:v/g/person/jmepham_ccc_tela_org_uk/ERLcFO5m8hVOM9_IHxlefWsB3TQdix_RTwtE08kOUxMC4A?e=ufSr2V

In support of World Book Day, some Sixth Form students have shared their favourite books and all students are reading at break and lunch on Friday

On Wednesday students had a dropdown morning focusing on futures and progression, specifically university progression. Students had the opportunity to listen to staff members about their university and career journeys, as well as plenty of time researching places, courses and universities.

What Is love? Year 12 Workshop on Plato's Symposium

On Thursday 2nd March the Year 12 Classics class was treated to a wonderfully insightful lecture on Plato's Symposium by Dr Frisbee Sheffield from Cambridge University (who also happens to be a Chesterton parent). This was to complement our 'Love and Relationships' module where students learn about Ancient Greek and Roman social



practices, philosophies and literature surrounding all kinds of loving relationships. They delved into questions such as 'How has the Symposium been used in gay rights debates?', 'Can one individual ever bring us happiness?' and 'How does who/what we love shape our lives?'. Students were struck by how relevant and applicable Plato's ancient philosophical ideas are even to our modern culture comprising dating apps, 'Love Island' and 'Naked Attraction'. We enjoyed it so much that we hope to have Dr Sheffield back to talk to us about Plato's other dialogues too.

News From the Houses

Equiano House

In form time this week students were building on last week's topic of employability skills by learning about apprenticeships. Students were introduced to the idea of an apprenticeship as an alternative pathway to certain jobs and discussed why someone may choose an apprenticeship route over other ways of gaining qualifications. This will be useful when students are challenged to think about their future roles with National Careers Week coming soon.

On Friday this week Chesterton celebrated World Book Day. Teachers and students came to school dressed up as famous characters from their favourite books. We had a great selection of heroes and villains and even had a few themes running through different subject departments. Well done to everyone involved in making such interesting costumes. You have inspired lots of people to read a new book!

Well done to our Equiano students of the week: Joseph, Annabelle and Shivani. You have done excellent work in lessons and have been great ambassadors for Equiano House. In total Equiano had an impressive 7589 Above and Beyond Points going into this week. Let's keep up the momentum everyone and keep those points rolling in.

Hill House

We've marched into March! February went by in a flash, as it often does, and while the weather is still a little chilly outside, we look forward to Spring officially beginning. On Wednesday, Year 11s went on a Geography field trip to Coldham's Brook, while non-Geographers spent the day looking at politics. In form time, Hill students have been learning about different apprenticeships. We have watched videos from employers, learnt facts about the differences between University study and apprenticeships, and even thought about which apprenticeships could work well.

Meanwhile, on Monday Hill forms continued to work on their creative design to represent their form. There are points in the House Competition available for best designs, which will remain in the form room as a permanent reminder of the key elements and ethos of each form.

Finally, a reminder that House Competitions are in A17 at Friday breaktime each week – for us to win the ABP competition, we all need to pull our part, so come join in to win some ABPS!

Fawcett House

Well done Fawcett students for another great week. We celebrate World Book Day on Friday, it was great to see everyone's brilliant costumes and taking part in all the events. Some Year 7s also took part in an architecture day.

Following our careers theme, from time this week we looked at apprenticeships. Fawcett are falling behind in the Above and Beyond Points leader board in 4th place but we are only 10 points behind Equiano so let's keep earning!

Happy Birthday to Edith and Alexandra who celebrate their birthdays this week. Our fun fact this week is that octopuses have three hearts.

If students need any support in school, please see Mr Firth or Miss Malik.

Robinson House

Hello Robinson, here's your weekly round-up. This week in tutor time we began thinking about what we would make for our tutor time design competition. We had lots of exciting ideas such as Crests, Clocks and Mosaics. On Tuesday we explored apprenticeship and looked at the opportunities available for various career paths.

It was fantastic to see the display of books staff recommended for World Book Day, with so many students dressing up as their favourite characters and getting involved in the array of activities. Year 7 students had a workshop dedicated to learning about architecture, Year 10 received their mock timetables, while Year 11 were encouraged to join their Prom committee.

Many happy returns to the students in our House celebrating their birthday this week: Boaz, Harvey, Philip, Alessandra, Sophie, Sam, Zander, Matan, Manuela, Ava, Isaac and Mohammed.

We are still in top place in the Above and Beyond Points League table with an impressive 7,998 points. Stay awesome and have a lovely weekend, folks.

Cavendish House

Mr Kirkland furrowed his famous brow as he gazed out pensively over the Bateson Road Playground. A distant rumble of thunder sounded far off and what looked like grey storm clouds formed in the sky to the north. The beloved French teacher hummed an Edif Piaf classic as he turned things over in his mind. (What was for lunch in the canteen that day? Just how should he congratulate Dylan in Cav4 for (nearly) winning the whole-school rock-paper-scissors tournament? And what was the point of that exceedingly boring anecdote Mr Ware had told about the Albigensian Crusade?) Mr Kirkland was glad to see the familiar face of his dear friend and colleague Mr Scott ambling across the asphalt towards him.

"Good morning, Mr Kirkland!" said the newcomer. Mr Kirkland replied that indeed, it was a good morning.

"What do you think, smells like rain? I wonder if it will be wet play..." mused Mr Scott.

"The geographers won't like that," said Mr Kirkland. "They've all come in with cardboard cut-outs of Mr Men round their necks. Funny...I wouldn't have pegged Mr Moore as Mr Clever. Little Miss Chatterbox is right on for Miss Howard, though. I wonder what's going on today, for them to come dressed like that."

"Who knows?" Mr Scott shrugged. "Hey, what's your favourite novel?"

"*Circe* by Madeline Miller, or *The Remains of the Day* by Kazuo Ishiguro. At the moment anyway. What about you?"

"Right now it's between *Half of a Yellow Sun*, *Child 44* and *The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo*."

"Good choices. Why do you ask?"

"Oh, the English teachers were talking about it and I wondered. I think I've just figured out what's going on today. The costumes, the book chat...it all makes sense."

"What?"

"It must be World Book Day!"

And with that, the two Heads of House Cavendish proceeded directly to the canteen for lunch, just making time to remind students to remove their hoop earrings and to never forget to be awesome.

Inter-house ABP Leader board

1st Place	Robinson:	8,624 ABPs
2 nd Place	Hill:	7,572 ABPs
3 rd Place	Equiano:	7,548 ABPs
4 th Place	Fawcett:	7,038 ABPs
5 th Place	Cavendish:	6,758 ABPs



The Royal National Theatre's Connections Festival 2023 comes to Chesterton's Atrium Theatre on Friday 10th and Saturday 11th March at 7.30pm with the UK premiere of 'Is My Microphone On?' by celebrated Canadian playwright, Jordan Tannahill.

It will then transfer to the Royal & Derngate Theatre in Northampton on Sunday 16th April, as part of this famous nation-wide festival that culminates at the Royal National Theatre itself in July.

Tickets for this unmatched, unflinching and ultimately uplifting ensemble drama can be purchased on the following link:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/chestertonyt>



The play tackles the ever-pressing issue of the climate crisis, bravely and truly pointing to the parallels that exist between our relationships with the environment, with each other and ourselves. The 35-strong cast from Chesterton Youth Theatre includes several members of National Youth Theatre & National Youth Music Theatre aged between 12 - 19 years of age.

Miss it, and miss what really matters in the world today. Be

there, and make a difference to their futures, as well as your own. Any profits from the performance will go to the charity Greenpeace.

Trigger warning: The play contains strong language including slurs, as well as references which some audience members may find distressing. Our intentions are to never shy away from problems in the world, but by coming together in theatre: start to solve them.



Chesterton Lecture

On Monday 6th March, 15:10-16:00, Iain Thomas will be presenting a lecture on school site titled '**Turning great ideas into things that make the world a better place**'.

The lecture will take place in E14, and during this lecture, Iain talks about how

'We live in a world in which we benefit from all sorts of useful, necessary, exciting and life-changing products from smart phones to vaccines, electric cars to safe sustainable food. So many of these things we take for granted had their roots in research carried

out in the laboratories and workshops of universities, hospitals and other research institutes.

Turning the output of research is ever more critical as the world tackles the many challenges we have now and will encounter in the future. However, turning great ideas into valuable and useful things is a big challenge.

In this talk we will explore the first stages of that process and understand why it is so important to do well.'

If this is something your child/children are interested in, then please can you reply to Ms Barker at: nbarker@ccc.tela.org.uk by 9am on Monday 6th March.

A Day in the Life of an Exams Invigilator (Opportunity knocks)

Our 16-strong team shows up at 8am on exam days ready to jump right in. We are a mix of old colleagues and newcomers learning the ropes. Many of us are Chesterton parents (or grandparents), with some youngsters among us too.

(If we have our own child in these exams, we can't be their sole invigilator, and they either like us being in their room or would rather we stay out of their sight!)

One of us takes charge of opening the exam packs and dividing them up. We seat the majority of candidates in the big halls, with typists in one room, those with readers in another and a small number of solo candidates. Making sure everyone gets exactly the right paper keeps us very alert!

At 8:40 a couple of us peel off to open up the Bags Hut, urging the candidates to leave their mobile phones in their bags then hurry along. It's quite moving sensing the eager anticipation and hearing the last-minute reminders of the facts.



The first hectic hour over, calm

descends once the exam starts. At that point we're checking we have everyone and that they are all settled and equipped. While the clock ticks slowly round, we're vigilant for anyone who might need a kindly prompt or even a time out (rest breaks being one of the access arrangements).

Some of us love working one-to-one, while others enjoy being on the team managing up to 120 at once. It takes a lot of concentration and we are all in awe of the commitment of the students to do their best.

Time's up and we gather up the papers (leaving the extra-timers quietly continuing in a row off to the side). Still we're on the alert for any adjusted timings, checking we have all the names and numbers filled in precisely.

The candidates' euphoria of the ending spills over the rear courtyard as we let them back into the Bags Hut, comparing answers and often laughing with relief. Our work is not yet done as we gather up all the scripts from the various venues and check them into their packaging.

Time for a quick lunch and chat amongst ourselves before some of us start all over again for the afternoon exam, while some dash home to let the dog out or feed the baby. Only much later will we find out how well everyone did, proud of the efficiency of this year's cohort and our part in it.

As casual workers, inevitably some of the team move on each season, perhaps to different work or retirement or the youngsters to university. We currently have three vacancies. If you would like to contribute to school in this way, contact our Exams Officer for a tour and a chat: nvonschreiber@ccc.tela.org.uk.

West Road Concert Tickets

Tickets for the West Road Concert will go on general release on Monday 6th March. A link will be sent to all parents via Parentmail. If your child is performing in the concert and you have not already bought your tickets via the priority booking link on the permission form, then please do ensure you do so before Monday as after this point tickets cannot be guaranteed. Rehearsals are in full swing and we are really looking forward to the concert. Well done to Edie in Year 10 who won the West Road Concert programme design competition. There were many excellent entries and it was difficult for the panel of teachers to pick just one. Edie's design will be seen by all those attending on 23rd March as well as being featured on the performers' badges this year.

World Book Day 2023

If you are reading this on Friday 3rd March, then happy World Book Day! We are very excited to be celebrating this as a school, and the staff room and library have been full of conversations about what costumes people will be wearing. The bunting has been hung, the posters printed, and the prizes bought and wrapped. The library team have been very busy preparing all the activities which are planned for the day: form time competition, drop everything and read, guess the book cover, book recommendation treasure hunt, book cover competition, and more.

Thank you to tech-wizard Miss McClean for organising the form time quiz, and to Richard in the kitchen for providing refreshments for our reading café after school. Another special thanks should go to Mrs Phillips' three volunteers, who spent another strike day in the library helping with



jacketing, displays, and creating the ‘blind date with a book’ activity – it looks very tempting!

We will be able to update you with photos and reports from World Book Day in the next blog.

Many other places in the community are celebrating World Book Day with their own activities; a quick Google search will show some things that you can do locally. For example, Anglesey Abbey is celebrating on 4th and 5th March with storytelling, books, dressing up ... and free admission and lunchboxes for children. See details here:

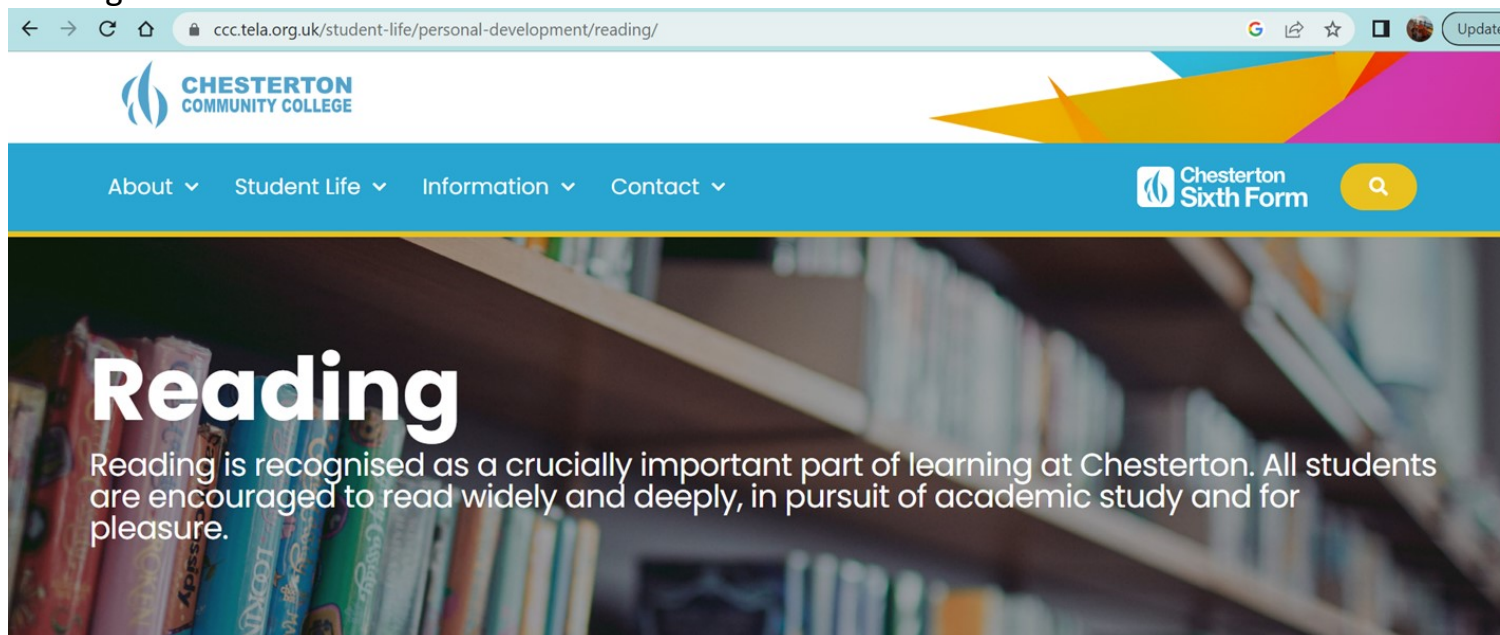
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For the Love of Reading

Did you know that reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child’s future success – more than their family circumstances, their parents’ educational background or their income?

This week the English Department has been doing some professional reading on the topic of encouraging a reading culture, and spent a meeting reflecting on how we can inspire students to love getting stuck into a good book just as much as we do.

It really is a team effort across the whole community though, and we encourage parents to look at the dedicated section on the school website to support families in keeping a love of reading alive.



Our new paired reading schemes are up and running, with some CCC students reading with younger students at Mayfield every fortnight, and some students reading in our own school library with parent and sixth form volunteers every week. Thank you to all involved for encouraging reading confidence and practice.

Staff Book Recommendation

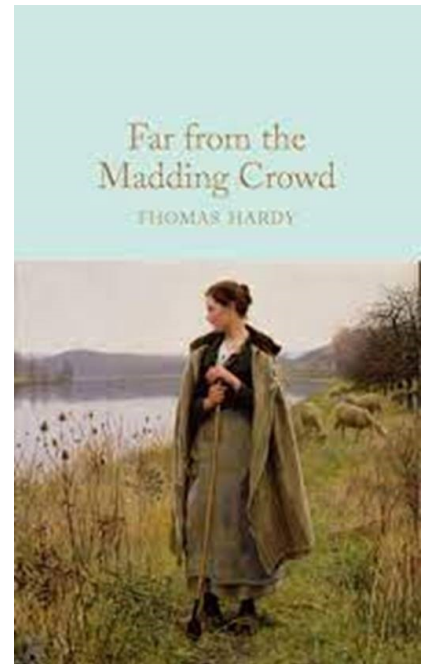
Mrs Stringer (Art/Textiles) recommends *Far From the Madding Crowd* by Thomas Hardy.

Mrs Stringer says,

"I love this book because it's not romantic but it makes you feel the love, honour and betrayal. It's about a strong woman ahead of her time."

Student book reviewers

Lots of our students leave book reviews on our reading recommendation channels on our year group Teams, which is great. We have also recruited students to be pre-readers for some of our new titles, to help staff know which to recommend. This review is by Bethany in Year 8:



I read "While the Storm Rages" by Phil Earle and I think it's very good. It's about this boy called Noah who wants to save his family dog no matter what. It's a great story and I would recommend it to most people.

Thank you to Bethany. We encourage other students to come to dive into our exciting shiny new stock.

Reading Opportunities

A huge thank you to the PTA who have agreed to fund the Carnegie Medal Books 2023 so that we can run a shadowing scheme. There are some really fantastic titles on the longlist for 2023 and we can't wait to get our hands on them and to encourage Chesterton students to vote for which book they think deserves this year's medal. More details to follow.



Geography Fieldwork



Fieldwork is often described as the most memorable part of school Geography. Parents will likely have stories of fieldwork from their own school days. This week, the Year 11 Geographers visited Coldham's Brook on Ditton Meadow. Students were in the stream with their friends to measure its width, depth, speed and more. Next week, they will analyse the data they collected to answer their fieldwork hypothesis. The Geography Department is grateful to the support of the PTA, who funded 10 pairs of wellington boots. This allowed as many students as possible to get into Coldham's Brook. This made the day memorable for many,

which is very important as students will have to answer fieldwork questions in their GCSE Paper 3 exam.

Geography Revision

Recently the Year 11 Geographers completed their last assessment before the GCSE exams. To prepare, they engaged with a range of revision activities. Many students played snakes and ladders and jenga, but needed to answer questions to win the games. This helped students recall and consolidate knowledge. Other students applied themselves to past

exam questions.

There are many revision opportunities available to the Year 11 Geographers. Many past exam papers are on Teams for them to access. Resources including hundreds of questions and links to digital quizzes are also on Teams. Students have also begun using Tassomai, which creates quick daily quizzes based on the topics they are least confident with.

Four revision sessions also run each week:

- Wednesday - 8:00am - A3 - Case studies
- Wednesday - 3:20pm - A1 - Case studies
- Thursday - 8:00am - A3 - Exam questions
- Thursday - 3:20pm - A2 - Exam questions

