



News from the Houses

Equiano House

Welcome back everyone! We hope you all had a restful break filled with spooky Halloween treats and are looking forward to getting back into the school routine.

In assembly this week students were reminded about firework safety: please do be careful if you are attending any firework displays for Bonfire Night.

On returning to school Year 11 students began their mock exams to practise for their final GCSE examinations in the summer. Good luck to all our students; we know how hard you have been working in preparation for these mock exams and we hope you all get the grades you are hoping for! We know how demanding the exam period is so Year 11, please look after each other and do speak to someone to someone if you need anything.

A big well done to our Equiano students of the week Nell, Samuel and Gabriele who have been very enthusiastic in lessons and completing classwork to an extremely high standard; keep up the great work!

Hill House

The beginning of November greets Chesterton with chill and mushy leaves as autumn set in. The beginning of the new term opens to the Year 11s taking their mock exams. We at the Hill House Office wish every Year 11 the best of luck, and remember that this is the best possible training for the real thing.

Next, we have also got the upcoming Inter-House cross-country run (on the field). Good luck to Hill students especially, as you will be running not only for the honour of Hill House, but perhaps for a school record and a place on the team for the district cross-country run in a few weeks' time!

Let's close off with the Hill's current ABP status.

We're 2nd place in the leader boards! Smashing success for Hill House, but can we make it to the top? We're only 22 points away from beating Robinson!

Fawcett House

This week's Fawcett blog is brought to you by one of our awesome prefects, Imogen. We would like to welcome back Fawcett students to the first week after the half-term holiday. This week we came back to a couple of changes: the front of the Drama block has been repainted. It is now very colourful and matches the artwork newly created around the sixth form common room. This week also includes the first GCSE mocks of the year, so good luck to everyone! Also remember that lunch arrangements have changed due to this so be sure to check that out on Teams.

In addition, this is the last week to hand in application forms for the Turing Scheme project, so remember to hand one in if you have not already to make the most of this fantastic opportunity!

We are still in 4th position on the ABP leader board with a total of 3237; however that is only 70 points away from Equiano in 3rd.

Robinson House

Robinson has had a busy but brilliant start to this half term. We are continuing to be in top spot for Above and Beyond Points and have an action-packed half of term ahead.

Well done our Year 11 students studying so diligently for each of their mocks; don't forget to take a break.

In form time this week we looked at diverse ways to support charities and do service for our local communities. Towards the end of November our individual forms will each do something for the charity of our choice.

This half term we have lots of extracurricular clubs to look forward to so do check those out on weekly notices. We also have plenty of inter-house competitions including Key Stage 3 doing cross-country in PE next week.

We would like to wish the happiest of birthdays to those of our Robinson students celebrating: Junior, Theodore, Tadgh, Ayaan, Devadath and Vadim.

Today Turing Scheme trip applications close down and we hope we have many representatives from our House to share our Robinson spirit across the world.

We hope everyone is rested and ready for the half term ahead!

Cavendish House

Hello everyone, and happy Friday to our readers in Cavendish and around the world - or at least around Chesterton and Arbury. We hope you had a good half-term break and are back raring to go for what promises to be a thrilling end of year. The "Autumn 2" season is always a busy but exciting time at Chesterton as we hurtle relentlessly towards Christmas, enjoying darkening skies and a whole range of festive activities while staff and students also really get stuck into their studies. Let it commence - full steam ahead to December 16th!

This week our Year 11 students began their second round of GCSE mocks. We have also enjoyed an action-packed form programme including thinking about charity and service on Monday and an origami competition, as well as PSHE sessions on safeguarding and friendship, which were enthusiastically received (can you remember all the elements of a good friend in the literally unforgettable "What makes a good friend" song?).

The big news from House Cavendish this week is that we are on a winning streak with the Friday quiz. In the last week before half term, Cav2 and Cav4 both scored 20/20, meaning that Cavendish topped the leader board for the first time. Keep that up, Cavendish, and you'll make this Assistant Head of House a happy man.

Right, that's all from us this week. Don't forget to be awesome!

Sixth Form

This week our Student Leaders were announced: we are thrilled to have Heather and Maya overseeing whole-school Academics, Rima representing Student Voice, and Josh as our Community leader. We now look forward to their involvement in supporting school life in their respective areas.

In enrichment this week, some students visited the Zoology Museum, some baked a Swiss-roll, whilst others kept active in the gym and on the basketball court.



PTA Updates

PTA AGM , 2nd - Hand Uniform Sale and Fundraising

Firstly, a huge and belated thank you for all those who came to our PTA Welcome event. It was so lovely to meet you and we look forward to seeing more of you at future events.

We look forward to meeting many of you at our **2nd-Hand Uniform Sale on the 8th of November** from **4.30 pm until 6 pm in the Caretakers' block** followed by the **PTA AGM from 6 pm in the School Library**. Both are an excellent way to meet other parents and support the school.

Thank you to all those who have already contributed to our fundraising campaign launched in October '**Together for our School**' - valuable funds raised provide access for students to enriching opportunities, expensive equipment and memorable experiences while at our outstanding school. Please follow this link to find out how you can donate:

<https://chestertoncc.enthuse.com/profile>

We're also keen to remind everyone in the lead-up to the festive season about easyfundraising which raises money for FREE while you shop online!

You can generate funding for the school (for free) while shopping online. Over 7,000 brands (including **Asda, Tesco, Aldi, Sainsbury's, M&S, Waitrose, John Lewis, Amazon, EBay, Booking.com, Boots, Currys, Argos, BT, RAC, Vodaphone** and many, many more) will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – **at no extra cost to yourself**. If you are shopping using a laptop or ipad, there is an automatic donation reminder that will pop up when you shop.

We hope as many parents as possible will sign up and start activating donations in three easy steps:

1. [Use this link](#) to sign up for an account (this refer-a-friend link generates an extra £5 for the school once you've raise £5 in donations):
2. Importantly: download the [Browser Extension](#) to your laptop or iPad, so that the donation pop-up appears automatically when you shop.
3. Shop as normal using your laptop and iPad, and when a pop-up box appears saying "Easyfundraising - Free Donation", click to activate the donation.

If you shop online using your mobile phone, you can still raise funds as you shop, you'll just need to shop via going to the easyfundraising.org.uk web page.

Many thanks again on behalf of the PTA Committee.

[Chesterton Lecture](#)

On Monday 7th November, 15:10-16:00, Steve Waters will be presenting a face-to-face lecture. This lecture will be on: **'Writing Crisis: Playwriting Today.'** The lecture will take place in E14, and during this lecture, Steve

'reflects on the challenges to the writer in a world of climate emergency, political turbulence, and social change; and tells some fun stories and shares tips for budding writers. Steve Waters's plays include the acclaimed double-bill of climate change plays The Contingency Plan, currently playing at Sheffield Crucible, the four-part Radio drama 'Song of the Reed' starring Mark Rylance and his recent adaptation of Brecht's 'The Caucasian Chalk Circle' starring Carrie Hope Fletcher; he is a Professor of Scriptwriting at the University of East Anglia'.

If this is something your child/children are interested in, then please can you reply to Mrs Hawkins at: shawkins@ccc.tela.org.uk

Wellbeing support

Does your child need support with their wellbeing? We are here to help:

Wellbeing Support at Chesterton

01 STEP

NEED HELP?



Who to reach out too?

1. Email your child's form tutor
2. Email your Head of House
3. Email to Mrs Hawkins (Mental Health & Wellbeing Lead)
4. Email worried@ccc.tela.org.uk

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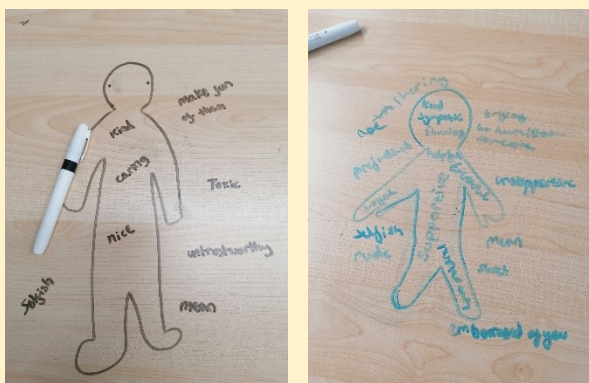


Examples of internal & external support

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PSHE - Safeguarding and Friendship

Equiano 1 demonstrated fantastic teamwork in their buddy groups this week as they explored the qualities of a good friend. Students discussed how to keep themselves safe at home and in school as well as how to tackle difficult conversations with friends.



The Opening of Equiano Bridge



This week student representatives from Equiano House attended the Riverside Bridge opening which has been named Equiano Bridge. The event was very well attended (around 50 people in total but with many more members of the public stopping to listen and observe). There were talks from the Mayor, the Cambridge African Network and many others about the significance of Olaudah Equiano. There was a real sense of community

around the occasion and lots of celebration to go with it. Tunde (Year 11) and Sophie (Year 9) (two of our Equiano prefects) attended to represent the House and school.

Journal Article

Congratulations to Ms Heimfeld who has had an article published in *Makings Journal* which explores how the pandemic has impacted young people's viewing habits:

[Press Pause: Distracted Spectatorship in the Streaming Era – Makings Journal](#)

Ms Heimfeld also gave a version of the article in a talk to the Sixth Form last month.

***The more that you read, the more things
you will know.
The more that you learn, the more places
you'll go.***

- Dr. Seuss



This week, all Chesterton students have been introduced to the school's readathon, and parents should also have heard about it via Parentmail.

During November 2022, we are encouraging students to challenge themselves to read – to read more, or more widely – and, if they wish, to ask family to sponsor them via <https://readathon.secure.force.com/sponsor>. Monies raised will go to provide books and storytellers for sick children in UK hospitals. As a bonus, our school will also receive new free books for our library, and the most enthusiastic Year group will also receive a reward of an extended break and free cookies.

Your child will be bringing home a reading sponsorship card and bookmark. We'd love it if families could get involved by talking to children about reading, reading with or to them or hearing them read.

Some parents have been in touch to ask about encouraging their children to read, and families might find this page on our website helpful: <https://padlet.com/sbaywood/rbry582t6nncg0gb>

Other helpful resources will be the recommended reading lists and peer recommendation pages on Teams. And of course, our wonderful and well-stocked library.

Upcoming reading events and resources

As part of the school readathon, Years 7-9 will have the opportunity to meet local young adult author Chris Priestley. More information to follow on Parentmail, and students will be introduced to this author via a form time, and there is a display of his books in the library, and you can also see his website and find out about him here: <https://chris-priestley.com/> and sample some of his books here:

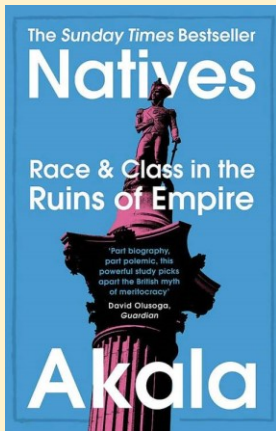
<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/extract/14086/Flesh-and-Blood-by-Chris-Priestley.html>

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<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/extract/7021/Mister-Creecher-by-Chris-Priestley.html>

Years 10 and 12 will also meet a young adult author, Mark Wells. He has kindly made his stories available for Chesterton students to access for free here, to help promote our readathon: <https://BookHip.com/WJHKFWX>

Book clubs



The school book clubs have both had some new interest and enthusiasm, which is wonderful. We now have a little library display to promote the clubs, including a stack of “*To Kill a Mockingbird*” books for students to borrow.

This week’s reading recommendation

Mr Desbois (Sociology) recommends, “*Natives: Race and Class in the Ruins of Empire*” by Akala.

Mr Desbois says, “*Very effective writing to question and evaluate the equality or inequality of our Society, such as the Education system. It helps understand who benefits the most, who is at a disadvantage and why. Fascinating.*”

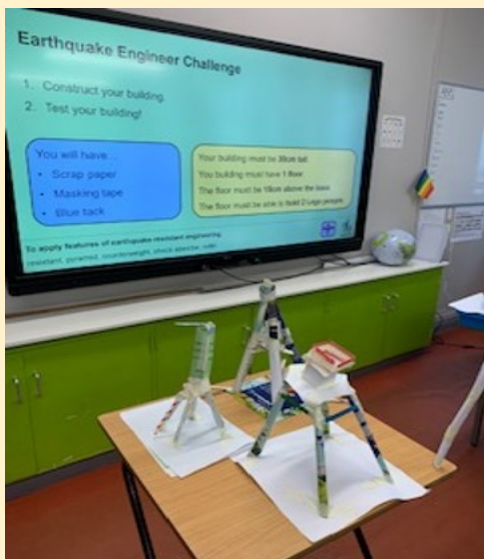
Cambridge Literary Festival

Just a reminder that Cambridge Literary Festival runs 17th - 20th November, with all sorts of writers leading presentations and discussions about their books. There are some huge names on the billing, including Jeremy Hunt and Jarvis Cocker, and topics range from baking to racism. These events might be of interest to Key Stages 4/5 students and their parents. Tickets are selling out quickly – for more details see

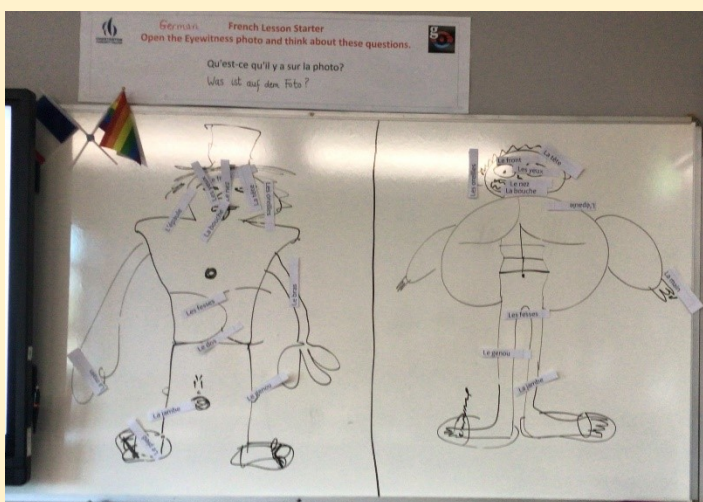
<https://www.cambridgeliteraryfestival.com/whats-on/winter-festival-2022/>

Geography

Year 8 geographers have been earthquake engineers this week as they designed earthquake resistant buildings. There were lots of excellent designs with many surviving the earthquake simulation.



French



Students have been learning the body parts in French this week with some creative drawings.

A Music Department Update

On Tuesday 8th November (this coming Tuesday), we see the second of our Music Department Live Lounge concerts. There looks to be a great programme of soloists and small group items from across the school; thank you to all those students who have signed up to perform.

Families and friends are most welcome to attend the concert; please arrive at school reception for 3.40pm. The concert begins at 3.45pm and will last approximately an hour. Refreshments are provided.

On Tuesday 15th November over 70 Year 7-9 pupils are going to the Royal Albert Hall in London to take part in a massed youth ensemble in the Schools' Proms. Thank you to all those who have signed up to take part.

On Saturday 26th November the Music Department has been invited to give a concert at St Andrew's Church, Chesterton. This concert will feature small ensembles and soloists. Any students who are interested in performing should contact Miss Wilson. The concert will begin at 4.30pm (with a rehearsal beforehand for performers) and all are very welcome to attend.

On Friday 2nd December the school choirs are taking part in a fantastic project run by the Gabrieli Consort and Players. They will be singing as part of a youth choir comprising many local schools and organisations in Ely Cathedral. More information and tickets are available from the cathedral website. Students in the school choirs should have signed up to the trip on Parentmail, but if you have any problems please do get in touch.

This year Chesterton has been invited to take a party of students to attend the schools' Carol Service at King's College Chapel, which takes place during the school day on 6th December. This opportunity has been opened to all students in Year 9, as well as GCSE and A-level Music students in Years 10-12, as we will only be invited to attend every three years. Students must sign up on the Microsoft Form on the class team by Monday 7th November if they would like to attend. It is a wonderful opportunity to hear a world-class choir and organist – one not to be missed – and to hear the traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols performed.

On Thursday 8th December it is our highlight of the term – our own school carol service at St John's College Chapel, with afternoon rehearsals for performers, and the service at 7pm. All music ensembles will be taking part (except samba band). Permission letters have been given out in hard copy and tickets will be released on 14th November.

On Monday 12th December all of Years 7 and 8 will be taking part in a multi-faith celebration. Students have been learning songs in their Music lessons for this and there is the opportunity for students to audition for solo or ensemble slots. These auditions are on 11th November and more details and a sign-up form can be found on Year Group Teams.

A busy and exciting time in the Music Department!

[Inter-house ABP Leader board](#)

1st Place	Robinson: 3,352 ABPs
2nd Place	Hill: 3,330 ABPs
3rd Place	Equiano: 3,307 ABPs
4 th Place-	Fawcett: 3,237 ABPs
5 th Place	Cavendish: 2,946 ABPs

Total: 16,172 ABPs