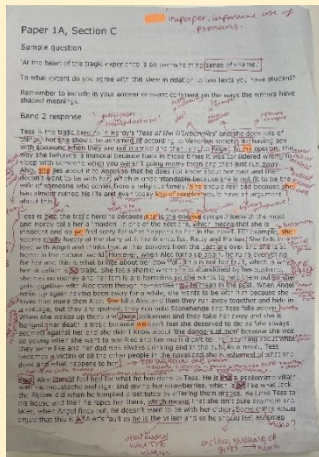




## New Website

We are delighted to have launched the brand-new Chesterton website this week. You can find it here: [Welcome - Chesterton Community College \(tela.org.uk\)](https://www.tela.org.uk) We hope you enjoy exploring it!

## Sixth Form



As usual, it has been great to see fantastic lessons and activities over the past week, with the geographers mapping out their case study planning, students marking mock English essays and feeding back to the teacher, and a trip to Jack's Gelato where the Core Maths students held a lesson to ascertain what the optimum size of a cone and scoop of ice cream should be, thus setting the learning up for their lesson today. In next week's blog, we look forward to hearing about an equally interesting lesson experience with the English and History students visiting Corpus Christi College to view an Anglo-Saxon manuscript.



On Monday, Sixth Form students had their first dropdown PSHE day when they spent time learning about finance and the current cost of living



crisis; living in a multi-faith society; and finished with a consent session with Diverse (sexual health organisation). Students really engaged in the sessions and found the variety interesting and useful for the future.

Personal development plays a large role in our holistic offer, and we strive for students to be able to thrive in their lives beyond Chesterton Sixth Form.



## News from the Houses

### Equiano House

This week the whole school has been raising awareness and much needed funds for the Children in Need Campaign. Along with a non-uniform day there has been Pudsey merchandise for sale all week and a chance to win a giant Pudsey bear, along with a bake sale at break time. A big thank you to all students and staff who have helped in the charity effort this week.

This week our Year 12 students took part in their first PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic) day of the year. External speakers led interesting talks and encouraged our students to think and share ideas on relationships, safety and looking to the future.

Our Year 11 students continue with their mock exams this week. Well done to everyone for what you have achieved so far. Keep up the great effort! Remember if you are struggling or need some support, please speak to any of your teachers or your Head of House Team.

Equiano House has been receiving Above and Beyond Points all week for their efforts in and outside of the classroom. Shout out to Amelie, Lino and Lily for being our standout students of the week. Well done!

### Hill House

The middle of November greets us with some early Christmassy notices!

The Year 7s are invited to go to a pantomime production of *Dick Wittington and His Cat* on 9th December. All parents are required to sign their children up via Parentmail so that they can attend – it is guaranteed to be a laugh-filled experience, so make sure your child doesn't miss out - deadline is 23rd November.

Similarly Christmassy news includes the Chesterton Christmas Fair which will be hosted by our wonderful PTA on 16th December. We're looking for volunteers to man the stalls, host events etc. So if any students have a fun idea or want to carry on a previous event, meet Ms. Bigglestone after registering for form (8:50), on 5th December.

Finally, we end our message with another ABP brief: Hill is so close to being No.1 on the leader boards. Let's keep up the good work and aim for that No.1 spot!

### Fawcett House

Well done to all our Fawcett students for continuing to work hard and make us proud. Year 9 Sports Leaders have been involved in organising a primary dance workshop. We have also been raising money for Children in Need, including a non-uniform day on Friday. Thank you everyone for your generous contributions.

Discussions in form times for PSHE have been focused on the meaning of strength and why we recognise International Men's Day. Students have been contributing their ideas and have made the most of the information given to them.

As always if you have any concerns please get in touch with Mr Firth, Miss Malik or Miss Walton.

### Robinson House

Well done, Robinson, what an exciting week. During tutor time, we discussed strength, resilience and the importance of International Men's Day.

This week, students have been involved in the Read Good challenge and are getting excited for Chris Priestley's visit next week.

Thank you all for your kind donations and support for the Children in Need charity events which took place this week. It was wonderful to see so many students donning Pudsey ears around the school.

We are still in first place in the Above and Beyond Points league table with 3,352 points. However, with Hill House just 22 points behind we are no longer sitting comfortably!

Best wishes to our students celebrating their birthdays this week: Gabriel, Tadhg, Bryn, Max and Daniel. Our whole House is wishing you the happiest of birthdays.

Please continue to reach out to your form tutor, Ms McClean, Ms Chibbaro or [worried@ccc.tela.org.uk](mailto:worried@ccc.tela.org.uk) if you have any concerns.

### Cavendish House

This edition of the Cavendish Blog had to be dried out on the radiator before being sent to press, as it was discovered floating in the lake which lies where the Rear Courtyard used to be. The Cavendish Office, meanwhile, is entirely underwater, and your Cavendish Team had

to be airlifted to safety and are now camping out on top of the Apex Building, sheltering under a large yellow umbrella.

OK, not really. But we did see a dramatic change in the weather this week as a previously balmy Autumn gave way to a week of rainy days. This meant that as well as the usual pattern of lessons, activities and the Year 11 Mock Exams, Chesterton also enjoyed a string of wet break times.

It was a good week for sports activities. On Wednesday, the Year 7 girls' football team played away at Impington - well done to Beth, Imogen and Aleks from House Cavendish, and here's hoping they won! Tune in next week for the result. And on Thursday, several Year 9 students took part in the excellent tradition of volunteering as primary school sports leaders - a big Cavendish shout-out to Ellie, Holly, Emily, Rozie and Alfie for helping make that event a success.

This year students enjoyed PSHE sessions on strength, particularly mental and emotional resilience, as well as a series of events raising money for Children in Need, culminating in a free-dress day on Friday. This reporter looks forward to seeing which Cavendish student can wear the best outfit... extra points for yellow.

That's all from us this week. Don't forget to be awesome!

### [Chesterton Lecture](#)

On Monday 21st November 15:10-16:00, Chloe Rixon will be presenting a face-to-face lecture on school site. This lecture will be on: **Cinematic imaginations of place: From the fantastically absurd to the surprisingly useful.**

The lecture will take place in E14. Chloe will centre her talk around the ways in which cinema mediates our experience of place. That is, how imaginative representations of spaces in films have the power to shape how we engage with a given place in reality. Starting with examples that are fantastically absurd, like the influence of Harry Potter upon engagement with places like Cambridge and London and *The Lord of the Rings* upon places in New Zealand, and progressing toward surprisingly useful examples, like the use of *Schindler's List* and *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* to engage tourists with the former ghetto in Krakow, Poland, this talk encourages students to think about 'space' and 'place' as more complicated concepts than we might think in our mass-mediated world.

If this is something your child/children are interested in, then please can you reply to Mrs Hawkins at: shawkins@ccc.tela.org.uk. Please can all replies be sent to me by Friday 18th November 2022.

## PTA Updates

### Mics for Chesterton Youth Theatre

Many of you will already have been wowed by Chesterton Community College's outstanding Chesterton Youth Theatre and the remarkable performances that the Drama Department produces on a regular basis. The PTA is now raising funds for a set of state-of-the-art microphones for Chesterton Youth Theatre which will be used to aid the students in their musical and acting extra-curricular performances.

We are setting an ambitious target of £2000 to be raised as soon as possible so that the mics can be used right away in the much-anticipated performance of *Matilda* this term (December) as well as all future performances.

As well as supporting our young performers in their extra-curricular drama experience the mics will also maximise audience experience and can also be used for external lettings, the Music Department, lectures, Open Evenings, fitness classes, election events . . . you name it!

Please donate if you can:

<https://chestertoncc.enthuse.com/cf/mics>

With many thanks from the PTA Committee



## Royal Albert Hall Performance



Seventy-two Year 7-9 students took part in the Music for Youth Proms at the Royal Albert Hall on Tuesday evening. The students sang in the Creative Project, a collaboration of many schools and youth music groups from across the UK. They represented Chesterton in an exemplary fashion and performed brilliantly.

Thank you to all those who supported their performance. It was a fantastic opportunity to perform in a national venue.

## PE Dance Festival

Thursday saw 180 Year 4 students from Milton Road, Arbury and Mayfield Primary Schools come to Chesterton for a dance festival. The students learnt dance motifs from a range of different styles around the world, including Bollywood, Salsa and Cheerleading. The Year 9 sports leaders from the Chesterton Leadership Academy had attended after-school sessions to ensure they were prepared for the event and had clearly been practising their moves! They were also fantastic whilst leading the festival, giving the Year 4s plenty of encouragement and support. A huge congratulations to all who were involved.





## Student COP Conference



Six students represented the school at the student COP conference this week held at Sawston Village College. They enjoyed a keynote lecture from the British Antarctic Survey followed by a climate conference to mirror the negotiations that have been taking place in Egypt. Each school represented a different country and had to present their suggested solutions from their country's perspective. The day also included workshops on tree planting, mini-orchards, conservation as well as making commitments towards stopping climate change. The group has already returned to school and started reviewing what they have learnt to report to the school senior leadership team to implement.



## Year 7 English

Chesterton Year 7 Students are currently reading the prize-winning book *A Monster Calls* and analysing it in their English lessons. Students explored the elements of the illustrations that capture the mood of the novel, considered what can be achieved through illustration that can't through text and chose their own moment to illustrate during their WOW lesson on Friday.



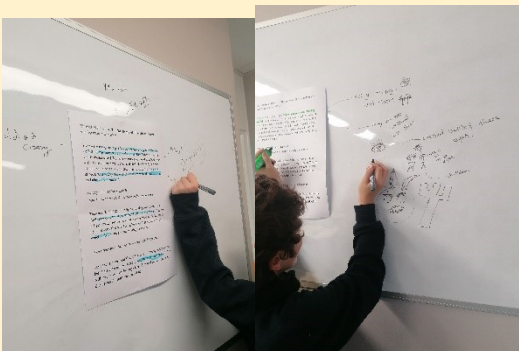


## English Year 8

Students in Year 8 have been working together to explore Stave 3 of the Victorian novella *'A Christmas Carol'*

Students considered the significance of Christmas for the Victorian period by researching the traditions that were established in this time – look at the pictures and see if you can spot any turkeys, Christmas cards or trees.

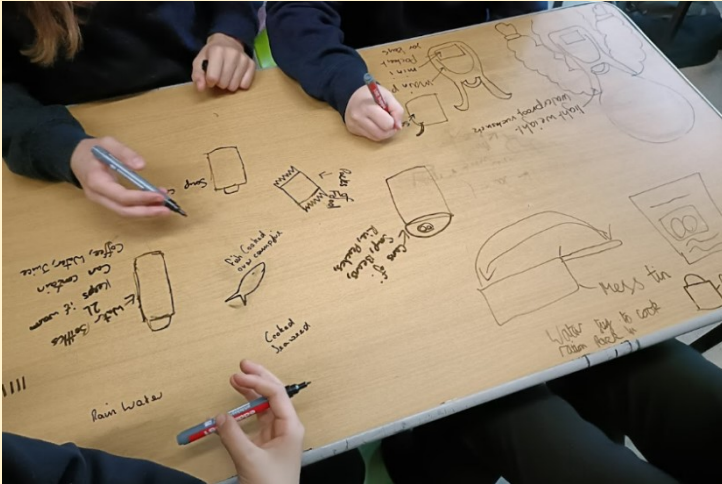
Students also refreshed their understanding of personification by considered how Dickens personified the emotions of 'Ignorance' and 'Want' to illustrate to his readers the problems with social inequality, and to advocate not only to Ebenezer Scrooge but to the whole population how the poor needed care and support from those most well off. See if you can spot how some of the Year 8s illustrated these children, alongside their language analysis.





## Geography Year 7

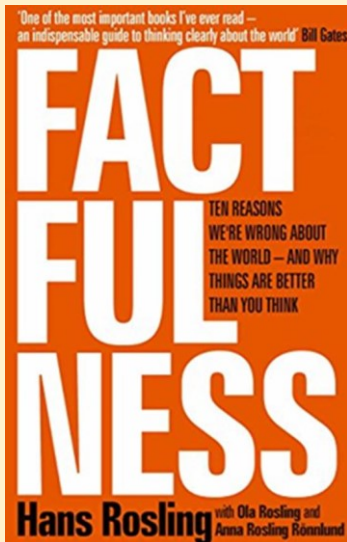
Year 7s have undertaken a survival challenge in Geography. As part of the 'Going to Extremes' topic, students created plans for shelter, clothing and food to help them survive in the extreme cold of Antarctica. Their plans were judged against the real survival strategies used by scientists at the British Antarctic Survey's Halley VI research station.



## Messages from Music

Tickets for the school carol service on 8th December are selling very well. They are on sale to families of those participating in the service only until Monday, when they will be released to all Chesterton families. Do not delay if you wish to come!

Auditions for the Once in Royal David's City solo in the carol service will take place on Monday lunchtime at 12.50pm in M1. All Year 7 members of the Junior Choir are welcome to come and audition for this special solo of the first verse of the carol, which will open the carol service. We look forward to seeing lots of students from the Junior Choir there.

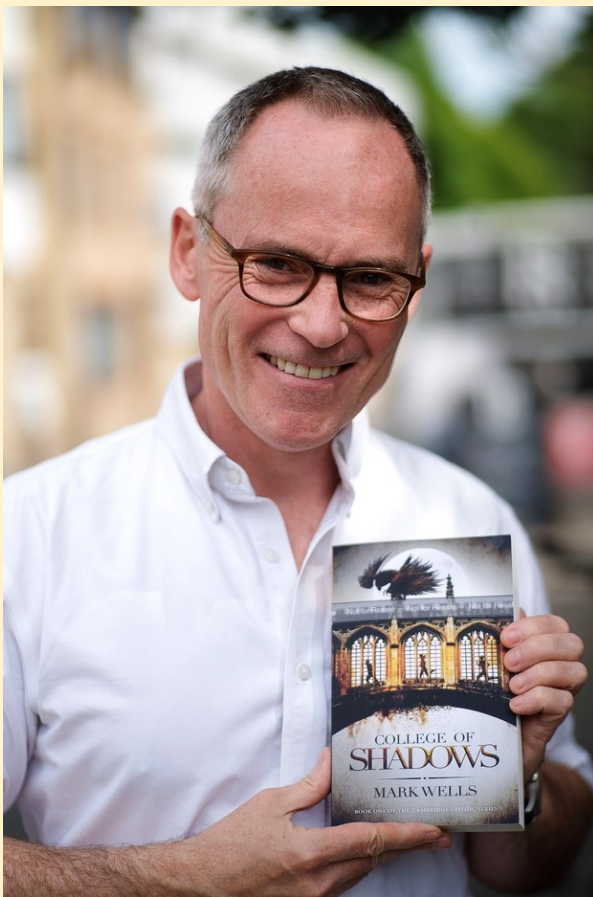


## Staff reading recommendation

Miss Howard (Teacher of Geography) recommends “*Factfulness*” by Anna Rosling Rönnlund, Hans Rosling and Ola Rosling.

Miss Howards says, “This book will give you ten reasons why we’re wrong about the world – and why things are better than you think. I really enjoyed the positive and optimistic view these authors provided about the world.”

## Readathon update



We are halfway through our November readathon. Thank you to everyone involved in encouraging reading and sponsoring the students, and of course a big well done to the students who have challenged themselves to read more. We are looking for the most enthusiastic Year group as evidenced by participation in the Teams reading recommendation channels to win a reward, and so far, there is a fairly even split across three Year groups, so there is still all to play for.

On Tuesday and Wednesday next week, we are looking forward to welcoming two authors into school: Chris Priestley for Years 7, 8 and 9, and Mark Wells for Years 10 and 12. (We’re not ignoring Year 11: they have a journalist event on Monday.)

Thank you for the financial contributions which make these events possible, and well done to students for their enthusiastic pre-reading of the authors’ work and thinking of questions to ask them. We will have all the details in next week’s blog.

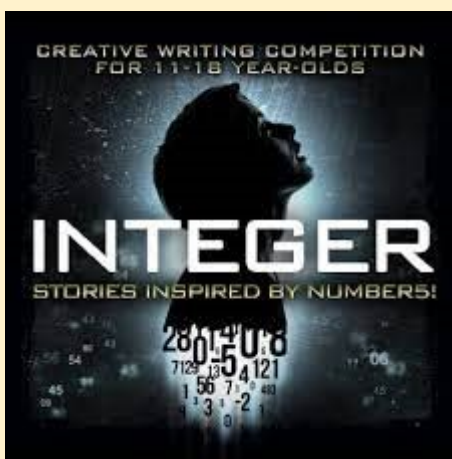
## Library updates

We would encourage students to check out the newly reorganised revision and support material section of the library (in blue folders behind the librarian's desk). Heads of subjects have whittled down the material to the most relevant guides, so we hope this will make it a much more clear and accessible reference point for students. These books and guides are often used at Homework Club which runs after school, but students are welcome to make use of them whenever the library is open (i.e., before and after school every day, plus every break and lunchtime).

If you're heading down to the library, also do take in the latest displays. Perhaps the latest "*Romeo and Juliet*" selection might tempt some Year 10s and 11s into some wider reading?

It is wonderful that there is now a daily games lunch club for students in Years 7, 10 and 11. After some consultation, we have concluded that it is best that we now protect the library as a quiet space for students who want to read or do homework; we will no longer be having 'games days' in the library. Of course, students are always welcome to browse and read with us, and respect their fellow students' need for quiet. We also have some calm festive activities planned, such as a reading tree and a festive jigsaw. We also soon hope to expand the use of the library to include a paired reading scheme with parent and sixth form volunteers.

## Creative writing competition



Together, the English and Maths Departments are promoting another creative writing competition opportunity, via Young Writers. Students in all Years are encouraged to write a story in exactly 100 words on the theme of numbers. Please see <https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/KS3-5/integer> for more details, and suggestions. Countdowns, winning lottery tickets, codes – the choice is yours. Please email your 100-words stories along with your name and age to [sphillips@ccc.tela.org.uk](mailto:sphillips@ccc.tela.org.uk) to be entered into the

competition. There is a chance to have your work published, plus some great prizes for the top few entries.



## Matilda Tickets

Tickets for Chesterton Youth Theatre's *'Matilda'* are now on general sale to the public. They're selling fast, so if you want to see it, click this link now:

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/chestertonyt](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/chestertonyt)

Adult tickets cost £10 with student tickets costing £6. All tickets are subject to a booking fee due to using an external provider.

## About the Musical

Matilda has astonishing wit, intelligence... and special powers! She's unloved by her cruel parents but impresses her schoolteacher, the loveable Miss Honey. Matilda's school life isn't completely smooth sailing, however – the school's mean headmistress, Trunchbull, hates children and just loves thinking up new punishments for those who don't abide by her rules. But Matilda has courage and cleverness in equal amounts and could be the school pupils' saving grace.

Full of rousing songs, witty lyrics and fun ensemble roles, this Broadway Junior adaptation of the Tony-winning hit musical is ready to bring the smell of rebellion to our stage.

## About Chesterton Youth Theatre

*'Matilda'* is Chesterton Youth Theatre's big Christmas Production, following on from the hilarity of last year's spectacular pantomime *'Dick Whittington'*. Our sell-out musical in the summer, *'Les Misérables'*, was unanimously described as 'incredible' and many audience members chose to see it multiple times because they loved it so much. With *'Matilda'*, our aim is to build on the Company's musical repertoire, this time choosing a musical with a book by Dennis Kelly, whose play *'DNA'* is to be performed here in January.

## About the Production

We always like to put on shows which are a little bit different, or 'a little bit naughty', as a certain little genius puts it. So, this version of *'Matilda'* incorporates five acts:

- 'Discovering Matilda'

(Year 7 Drama Club and Helpers' Prologue introducing the Show)

- 'Matilda the Musical JR. Part 1'

(A selected cast of 60 perform this smash-hit musical based on Roald Dahl's story, and in MTI's abridgement of Tim Minchin's West-End version)

- Interval of 15 minutes
- 'Matilda the Musical JR. Part 2' – Continued
- 'Christmas Finale'

(Featuring Hip Hop, classic songs and some audience participation to get you in the Xmas spirit.)

We envisage the whole show lasting up to 2 hours maximum, including the interval, during which the PTA will be serving some delicious refreshments (but watch out for newts in the water!).

### About the Production Run

We have named each performance after songs in the musical. This gives us a reference for those performers in the show playing leading roles, who have been double cast.

The show schedule is as follows:

- Sunday 11th December 7pm – “Miracle Performance” performed by Kelly Cast
- Monday 12th December 7pm – “School Song Performance” performed by Kelly Cast
- Tuesday 13th December 4pm – “Naughty Performance” performed by Minchin Cast
- Tuesday 13th December 7pm – “Revolting Children Performance” by Minchin Cast

The leading roles double-cast in the Kelly Cast come from Years 9/10 (with Year 7's May in the role of Matilda), whilst those in the Michin Cast come from Year 11 (with Year 7's Florence in the starring role). We've wanted to give as many chances as possible to our astounding number of talented student performers. Why not come twice and compare the two main casts?

### And finally . . .

We are really excited to share this fun, clever, heart-warming production with you. If you have any questions regarding the show or the ticketing process, please contact [chestertyouththeatre@ccc.tela.org.uk](mailto:chestertyouththeatre@ccc.tela.org.uk)

“Somewhere inside all of us is the power to change the world!” –

*Matilda* by Roald Dahl - Chesterton Youth Theatre

