



### **Sixth Form**

This week the sixth form have all undertaken an Academic Writing workshop hosted by the National Literary Trust. Students analysed and critiqued a series of different texts and writing styles and finished the session with a much more secure grasp on the necessary ingredients for successful academic writing.



Next week, we look forward to hosting our first Chesterton Sixth Form Progression Evening where students and parents will hear from a host of expert speakers. This is an event available to all Year 12 and Year 10 CSF Programme students. We look forward to sharing more information next week.

### **Cavendish House**

This week we are celebrating an exciting new addition to Cavendish House. A huge congratulations to Mr Ware and his wife, who welcomed baby Theodora into the world last weekend.

It has been another very busy week for our students in Cavendish, and we were especially delighted by our leadership on the whole school Attendance Table.

We also wanted to give a shout out to Oscar in Year 8, who has now completed a year-long learning streak on Duolingo. We're not sure if this is a world record or not – but either way it is a fantastic achievement.

Congratulations also to our Year 7s and Year 8s who took part in the Maths Challenge earlier in the week. You did yourselves and Cavendish House proud.

Finally, we hope you all have a wonderful long weekend. Fingers crossed we see an improvement in the weather.

### **Equiano House**

Please welcome Mr Cooper to Equiano as he takes up the position of Head of House from Mr Lawrence who has moved across to Robinson House. If you have any worries or concerns, please speak to Mr Gilliver, Mr Cooper or Miss McEwen. It has been great to celebrate the success of our Equiano students and a huge number of Above and Beyond Points have been awarded in the first two weeks of the new term. We currently have a total of 9124 points and our leading form is

Equiano 1 with a very impressive 1321 points. Well done to everyone who has been awarded points. A particular well done to our students of the week: Jairui, Oscar and Gabrielle who have been working and consistently showing enthusiasm in all of their subjects. Keep up the great work!

This week Year 8 students have been asked to organise a day of work experience where they need to shadow a parent or friend as they go to work so students can experience a real workday from the perspective of an adult they know. Please remember to return the signed forms to your form teacher.

Our Year 11 students are continuing to work hard for their upcoming GCSE exams; keep going, you are doing really well! Speaking of revision, this week our Year 10 had an assembly to launch their revision period for the upcoming mocks. For our Year 10 students this will be the first time they will sit whole school exams. We know exams can be stressful and we want to encourage everyone to support each other and reach out to teachers if you are worried or need help.

### **Fawcett House**

Fawcett students have worked very hard in lessons this week. Some Year 9 students have been buddied up with some students visiting from Mexico. In form time we have been learning about equality and diversity and the protected characteristics the Equality Act involves.

The countdown is on for Year 11s who have been working very hard over the last few weeks, with first exams approaching.

A happy birthday to Louis, Libby, Finn, Molly, Zeph and Miss Walton who celebrate their birthdays this week! As always, if you need any support please reach out to Miss Malik or Mr Firth.

### **Hill House**

Time marches on at Chesterton, and the weather remains a little grey and dull. However, life in Chesterton is rarely grey and dull, with so many things going on. This week in form students spent time considering the theme of equality, and how it can be sought on a local and global scale. Meanwhile, Year 8 students have been asked to organise work shadowing, following a parent or friend for one day to get an experience of what working life is like – remember to return these forms to Mr Debois or your form tutor.

Next Friday some Year 9 students who have formed a band called 'Zephyrus' (including Matthew, Andrew and Julian in Hill) are performing at the Boathouse – considering their prior performances, we're certain it'll go well.

Finally we hope you have a really enjoyable long weekend – get out into the sunshine, enjoy some fresh air, and we look forward to seeing you refreshed next week!

### **Robinson House**

Hello folks, here is your weekly round-up. We are so proud of all you are achieving and delighted to announce that as a school, we have accumulated an incredible 45,554 Above and Beyond Points. Robinson House has contributed an impressive 10,226 points to this grand total. Keep up the amazing work!

This week, we had the Year 7 and 8 Maths challenge, and were thrilled to see so many of you demonstrating your mathematical skills and knowledge. Well done to everyone who participated. A couple of students got into a debate with a 90-degree angle. In the end, the students concluded the angle was right.

During tutor time this week, we discussed the importance of Global and Local Equality. It was great to hear all your interesting ideas and discussions such as equity versus equality and it was a good opportunity for us to reflect on how we can all contribute to creating a more equitable and just world, both on a global scale and in our local communities. Do not forget to check out the weekly notices which include information on the exciting clubs that have started up again.

As always, if you are feeling worried or would benefit from some additional guidance, please do not hesitate to reach out to your form tutor, Mr Lawrence, Ms McClean, any member of staff, or contact [worried@ccc.tela.org.uk](mailto:worried@ccc.tela.org.uk). We are here to support you in any way we can.

Have you or a friend accomplished something you are proud of this week? If there is anything you would like to see included in the blog next week just let your form tutor know.

Finally, we would like to wish a happy birthday to Tyler, Emilia, Natasha and Jasmine. We hope you all have a fabulous day celebrating.

Have a wonderful weekend, Robinson.

### Music News

On Tuesday, 7S, 7G and 8S took part in a workshop with the Cambridge Youth Opera, creating vocal soundscapes. These audio recordings will be used in the CYO's upcoming performance of *The Little Black Cat*. The CYO team were really impressed with the students' effort and participation.

Good luck to the Year 9 band, Zephyrus, who are performing at the Boathouse at 6.30pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May as part of their summer festival. Do go along and support the band if you can.

Finally, we are hoping to hold our annual Music Department outing to the BBC Proms on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July. This trip is open to students in all year groups who have taken part in music extra-curricular activities this year and/or who study or are opting for GCSE or A-level Music. If your child would like to take part, please do complete the form on Parentmail by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 9am.

### English News

This half-term, Year 7 English students have started a new topic exploring a range of Unseen Phenomena. Each lesson, students investigate a different creature – such as UFOs, vampires and the mysterious Bloop - by exploring written eyewitness accounts from throughout history.

This week, students in 7S got creative and competitive when they were asked to illustrate their vision of a dragon onto a cupcake. They all did an incredible job, but there was no doubt in our mind that Maya's was the winning dragon!



### Cambridge Literary Festival: Refugee Tales

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April, 25 Year 9 volunteers along with Miss Bean, Mrs Phillips and Mr Sedgwick, attended a Cambridge Literary Festival event "Over the border" which shared the stories of refugees. Our students listened attentively to harrowing tales of people fleeing ill-treatment, and of the lives of asylum seekers in detention in the UK. We could not all help but be affected by the stories, and left feeling moved, and with a goodie bag which even included a free book of real refugee stories, written in the style of Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*. The event gave us plenty to think about, about the plight of refugees (perfect for a Geography unit on this topic) and the power of stories to create community

and influence change. For any student who is interested, there is a follow-up creative writing project, whereby students can respond creatively (art, poem, prose) to the theme of 'Over the border' and have their work published in an online magazine. More details can be found here:

<https://www.trin.cam.ac.uk/news/over-the-border-the-2023-litmus-project/>

A copy of "Refugee Tales" will be available in the school library for students to borrow.

We know that some students are attending other events with Cambridge Literary Festival – do let us know how you get on.



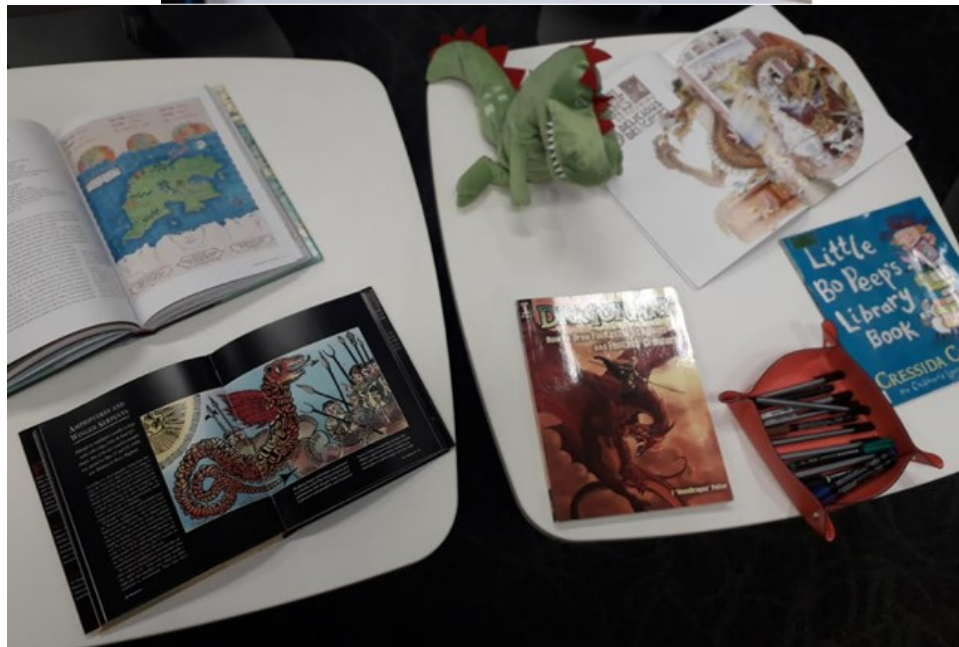
## Life-changing Libraries Event

*“Decades of research show that if a child reads for pleasure they are likely to be happier, healthier, to do better at school, to vote and to be more economically successful later in life – all irrespective of background. The more a child reads, the greater the benefits and that is where libraries come in. Libraries are where the magic happens. Put simply, libraries change lives. Reading changes lives.”*

Cressida Cowell

Mrs Phillips got a real treat with a talk by Cressida Cowell on “How to train your reader and life-changing libraries” on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April. Cressida Cowell is incredibly passionate about the importance of reading for pleasure and the role of the school library. Watch this space for some Cowell-inspired initiatives at Chesterton, including promoting audiobooks for students. Below is a picture of Cressida Cowell’s dragon displays to rival the ones we had in our own school library before Easter!





On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April, Mrs Phillips also got to attend a library networking meeting with library representatives from local schools to share best practice. We are delighted to be benefitting from this partnership, learning how other schools are making the most of their library space, for example, to develop students' research skills.

### **The Big Weed**

*"A school library is not an archive. A school library is an evolving space to meet the needs of current students."*

The library team have been inspired to clear out some of our outdated non-fiction books to make space for lovely new up-to-date books for students to use. Some of these weeded books can be used for our next book exchange or donated to local charity shops, but it is hard to find a home for old encyclopedias and dictionaries (charity shops are not accepting these books). If anyone thinks they could offer a home to some big old non-fiction books (perhaps for craft or display, as the information in them may no longer be accurate) please email [sphillips@ccc.tela.org.uk](mailto:sphillips@ccc.tela.org.uk)

## Library membership

All students are automatically members of the school library, able to borrow books and to use the space for reading and working.

If students and families are not currently members of Cambridgeshire libraries, we are encouraging them to do so via this online form: <https://cambridgeshire.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/WPAC/JOIN>

This will allow students to use the Libby app on their ipads, which gives free access to audiobooks, ebooks and magazines. More details about this can be found on Parentmail.

## ABP Leaderboard

A huge well done to Equiano for sneaking into second place this week! Will ANYONE catch up with Robinson?!

### ABP League Table

2022-2023

<b>Robinson</b>	<b>10,226</b>
<b>Equiano</b>	<b>9,124</b>
<b>Hill</b>	<b>9,075</b>
<b>Fawcett</b>	<b>8,987</b>
<b>Cavendish</b>	<b>8,109</b>



**Total: 45,554 ABPs**

