

Dear parents and carers,

Please see below this week's Chesterton blog. We hope you enjoy reading the updates from departments and teams across the school.



Thank you so much to all our staff and students for their ongoing hard work.

The team at Chesterton are always keen to hear from parents who'd like to get involved with school life: please don't hesitate to get in touch if this is true for you.

All the best for a lovely weekend.

Rolf Purvis
Executive Headteacher

Chesterton Values

We are really excited to announce that we have had over 1200 votes to help us choose our new values. As a school community we are so grateful for everyone's input and we can finally announce that our new Chesterton Values are...

At Chesterton we:

- Celebrate diversity
- Create community
- Challenge our limits

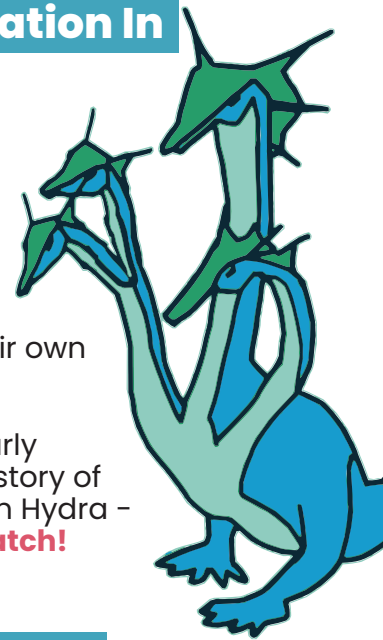
You may have spotted the ParentMail this week to promote the design competition. Please do encourage your children to enter and we look forward to announcing this is due course.

A big thank you again to everyone again who have shared their voice or contributed to finding our new school values.

Mythology Animation In Ancient Greek Lessons

Students have been working hard this week in Greek, reading ancient mythological stories in the **Classical Greek** language and putting their own spin on these stories.

Arlo animated a particularly impressive version of the story of Herakles and the Lernaean Hydra - **please do click here to watch!**



Jubilee Cup Athletics

The Jubilee Cup athletics match was a rewarding end to a great athletics season this week. A large number of students represented Chesterton at the University athletics track - all played their part in what turned out to be a thrilling 'three-horse race'. Some longstanding athletics records were broken, and there were personal best performances across years 7, 8, 9 and 10. And now we focus on sports day!



Music Extravaganza

On **Friday 30th June** soloists and small groups from the music department will be giving a lunchtime concert at St Andrew's Church, Chesterton. All are welcome to come and support the students performing. The concert starts at 12.30pm and admission is free.

Students will also be performing at the PTA Bash on the evening of Friday 30th June. If you are coming to the Bash, look out for our samba band, folk fiddle band, and Year 8 and 9 student-led bands.

Finally, students are busily preparing for the Music Department Summer Celebration Concert on **Thursday 6th July at 6pm** in the Wynn Williams Garden at Chesterton. This concert is a celebration of the music made this year at Chesterton and features all our musical ensembles and choirs. Tickets are free of charge but we do ask those attending that they reserve them via the link on ParentMail.

The Folk Fiddle Band gave a great performance at Jesus Green Lido as part of the Summer Solstice Swim on Wednesday evening. Well done to everyone who performed and a big thank you to Ms Veryard who arranged and directed the performance.



Crime Reading Month

We continue to receive a lot of entries for the national crime-writing competition, "**Unsolved**". There is still time to send your mini-saga to sphillips@ccc.tela.org.uk to enter for you. Here is one recent entry:



The dark night was humid.

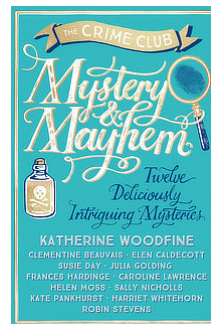
I walked along the pavement, clutching my keys between my knuckles. I gripped my keys tighter as heavy footsteps bounded towards me. I sucked in a breath. They sprinted past me. What were they holding? It could've been anything, but no. The knife glinted in the moonlight, shrouded with red.

I spun on my heels. I could barely tell, but it seemed to have come from behind a truck just ahead. I saw something. I saw a body, covered in the same red, the ghost of a scream clinging on its lips.

I kept walking.

Student Crime Reading Recommendation

Celeste in Year 8 writes:



I would recommend 'Murders and Mayhem' by Katherine Woodfine.

I'm not much of an avid reader so this compilation of 12 short stories is great because I don't need to commit to a whole novel. It relates to the "Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time" that we read in class as most of them are murder mysteries, as the title suggests.

Mrs Phillips adds: *This is a great book for people who like short stories or who enjoy mystery books like the popular "Murder Most Unladylike" series. If you have a title that you think should be in our school library and which we don't currently have in stock, please email sphillips@ccc.tela.org.uk and we'll see if we can order it in.*

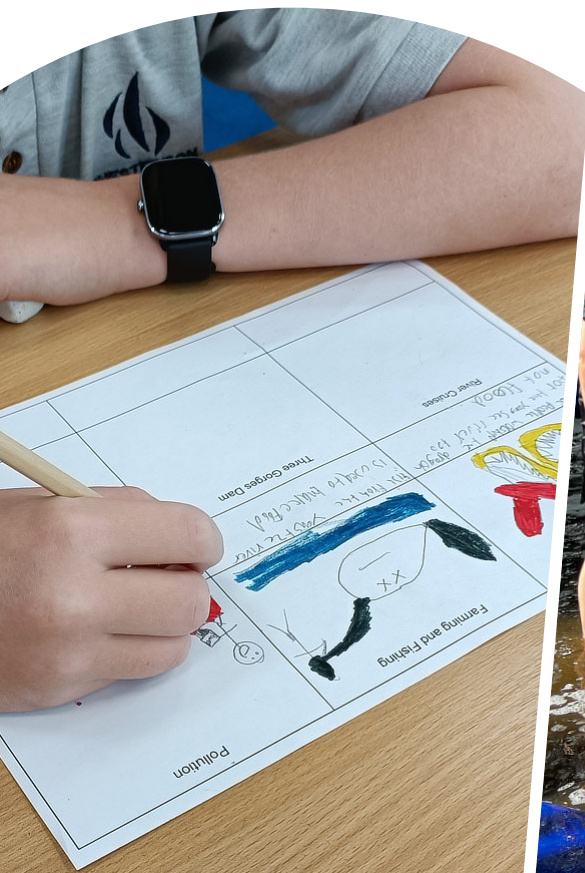
Personal Development

Fifteen students in year 7 embarked on an adventure as part of personal development this week. The group participated in various activities to further develop their teamwork and leadership skills. It was excellent to see students supporting each other and having vast amounts of enthusiasm as they challenged themselves in fire building (to cook their lunch) and adventurous activities.

Well done to everyone who took part!

Creative Activities In Y7 Geography

Since Easter, Year 7 have been learning how rivers physically change over time. For example, how waterfalls form and change shape over time. Students have now shifted their focus to learning about the importance of rivers to people. In a recent lesson, students learned how people use the Yangtze River in China. They created captioned posters to show how religion, farming, pollution, tourism, energy, and politics link to the river.





The Carnegie Award 2023

On Wednesday 21st June we were excited to host a Carnegie event in our school library. We were joined by some students from IVC, and had a jolly time completing discussion activities around the shortlisted books, then scoring each book, "Strictly Come Dancing" style. We then ate lunch together and watched the livestreamed final to find out the real winners. A lot of students felt frustrated that their favourites like the edgy "The Eternal Return of Clara Hart" hadn't won, whereas Mrs Phillips felt particularly smug as she was a big fan of "The Blue Book of Nebo" all along!

Everyone felt it had been a worthwhile activity to be involved in, as we had been introduced to some fantastic new titles including some like "Needle" that we otherwise wouldn't have looked at, and it was a great opportunity to meet to debate our ideas about what we had read. It was especially fun to meet students from another school, and we are discussing the possibility of more cross-Trust reading opportunities.

A big thank you to Ms Deller and Mrs Fletcher from IVC for organising things at their end!

New Book Look

On Tuesday 20th we had a 'new book look' event in the library. This was an opportunity for students to browse and borrow all our newly added titles from our latest stock order. Our Manga and graphic novel collection continue to be popular, and we also had a lot of enthusiasm about some of our new biographies. Thanks to everyone who came along and borrowed a new book. And of course a huge thank you to our team of library assistants who have helped with processing all the books. (A surprising amount of work goes into adding each book!)

