

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 restful weekend.

Rolf Purvis
Executive Headteacher

Book Fair

We've been busy in the library with lots of students coming in to browse the shiny new books at the Scholastic Book Fair. With plenty of teen hits at discounted prices, there is something to interest everyone, and students can use their World Book Day tokens to get discounts off the books.

Friday 1st March 3.05-4pm is a reading café so that families can come in to browse the fair. All orders must be placed online and by 5th March please as the company delivers all the orders on Wednesday 6th March when they come to collect the fair.

Theatrical Fever

Actors of GCSE and A Level drama are proud to première Fever!, Chesterton Youth Theatre's own adaptation of **The Crucible** by Arthur Miller: an extraordinary play about ordinary people. The Salem Witch Trials of 1692; the "Red Terror" in 1950s America; and the "cancel culture" of our own time, are stirred together into a cauldron of theatre which is both probing and transcendent. Abigail Williams, the infamous teenager whose false accusations sent 19 men and women to the gallows for "making compact with the Devil", is portrayed as a girl with fascinating and conflictual personalities, paradoxes and passions. The claustrophobia of the village in which she and her community live is shown through staging that is immersive, imaginative and intoxicating. It's a dramatic experience not to be missed, and compels its audience to ask difficult questions: who can you trust? who do you blame? which side will you take? Fever shows us the contagious and tragic consequences of a society which thrives only on divisions and accusations, refusing to allow discourse and debate. **Tickets can be booked here!** Book now before it's too late!



Library competition winners

Congratulations to Emily (Year 8), Eva (Year 10) and Ana (Year 10) for winning our library poster competition. They get £5 to spend at our visiting book fair!

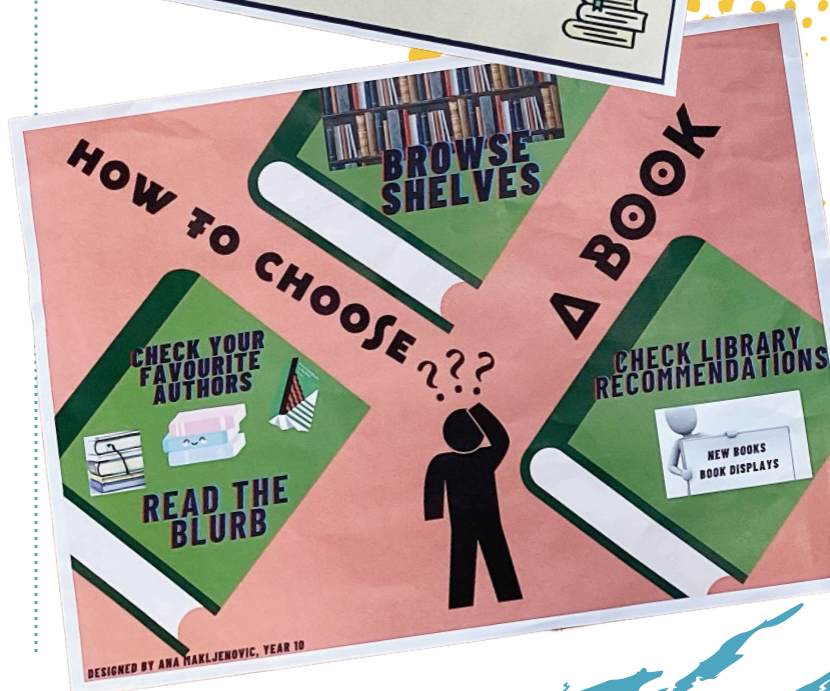
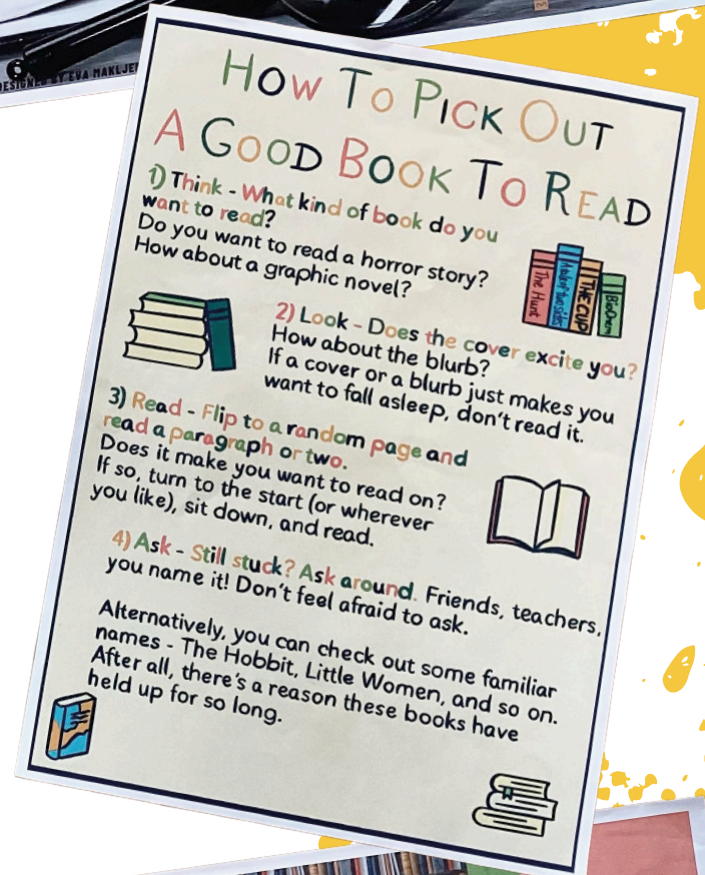
A week of reading

Next week we have a whole week of reading activities to look forward to! Kicking off on Monday with a special World Book Day-themed form time and chance to get a World Book Day voucher, we will then have a series of assemblies for Years 7, 8 and 9 to introduce students to our exciting new KS3 reading programme, Accelerated Reader. Please see parentmail for more info about Accelerated Reader. Thursday is World Book Day and then Friday is a special book-related speakers' corner for sixth form students.

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

Thursday 7th March is World Book Day!

Please make sure students all have a reading book with them on Thursday as there will be opportunities to read throughout the day. Staff and students will be dressed up in costume as book characters, with prizes for the best costumes (please note – fancy dress or school uniform, not just own clothes). There will be a treasure hunt around the whole school to collect the responses of the teachers who love reading. There will be activities in the library at break and lunch and more prizes to be won, and a group photo at 3.05pm in the library. We can't wait to see everyone dressed up and getting excited about books and reading!



Chesterton Talents Triumph!

Congratulations to **Charlie** (Yr 9), **Holly** (Yr 10), **Laurie** (Yr 9) and **Sam** (Yr 10) who have all been cast in National Youth Music Theatre's 2024 Season of Shows, as ensemble in 'Into The Woods' (Holly), 'Our House' (Sam) and 'Catastrophe Bay' (Charlie and Laurie). They'll all be performing at Southwark Playhouse in London in the summer and taking part in intensive residential rehearsals prior to that. To put this achievement into perspective, over 1000 young people aged 10 – 24 auditioned for the season and around 80 of the applicants have been cast. Word-of-mouth would suggest that these four are the only under-18 performers from Cambridge to be cast this year, and all from Chesterton!!

NYMT applicants are often from independent schools, private stage schools and universities or are well-connected within the business. Being successful at their highly competitive rounds of auditions not only requires excellent singing and movement skills, but a strong sense of acting in a musical, as well as what it means to be a good company member. We are thrilled that these students made the cut because they share these qualities! Good luck to them with this next adventure.

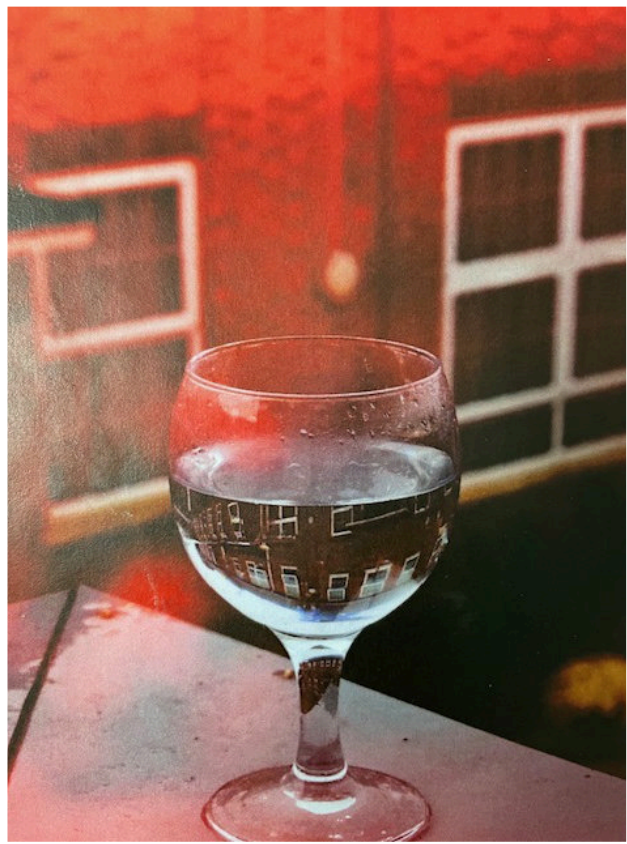
Drama Club Begins Again

On Thursday after school, Ms Marston is now running a drama club for Year 8 students. Until Easter, we'll be exploring acting techniques, games and improvisation. After that, plans are afoot for the Pantomime Festival in July! On Fridays after school, she will also be running a drama club for Year 7 students. As with the Year 8 club, these are drop-in sessions until Easter and after that, we'll be preparing for the House Plays Competition in July! All are welcome to the appropriate sessions! The sessions run from 3.15pm – 4pm in the drama studio. You don't need to change into blacks

but it's great to do so if that's manageable! Be brave, confident, enthusiastic, sensitive and spirited! Be the best actor you can be, and encourage others to find their voice, make us laugh, be respectful and 'only connect'! See you there!



**Artwork of
the Week!**



Jassim Laoukili



Burak Taymaz



Joe Quinn



U14 Girls Score Win!

The U14 Girls Football team secured their first victory in the District Cup against Sanction Wood. Now, they advance to the next round with Sawston as their upcoming opponent. **Best of luck!**

A hand in a white glove holds a dark, cylindrical gavel with a wooden handle. The top of the gavel is engulfed in bright orange and yellow flames. The background is dark and textured.

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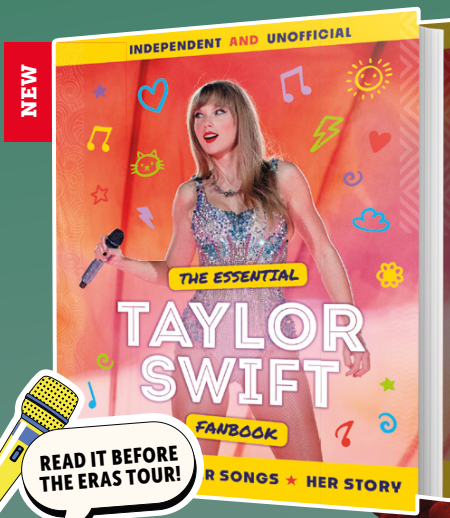
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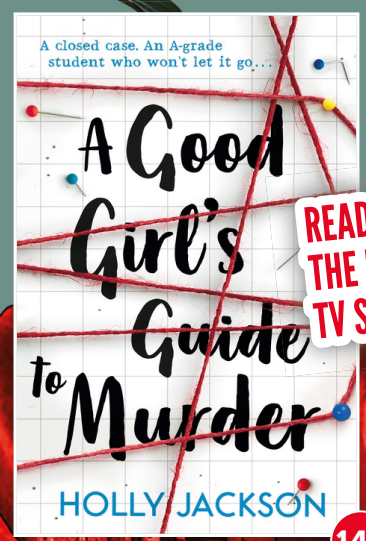
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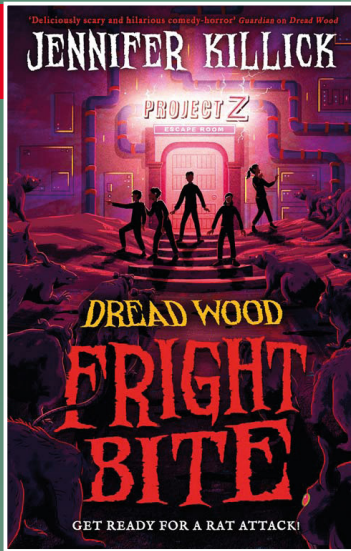
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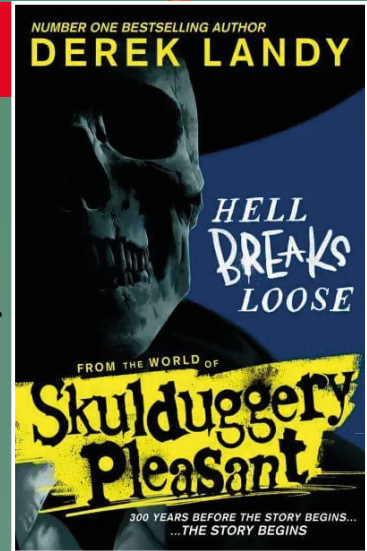
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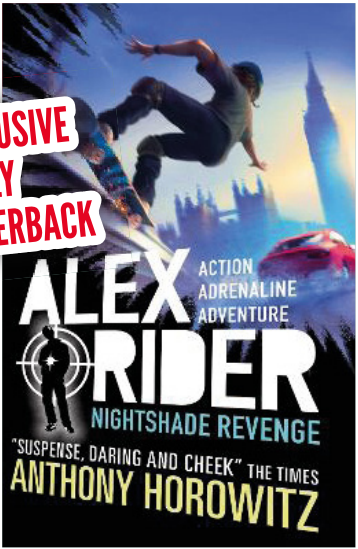


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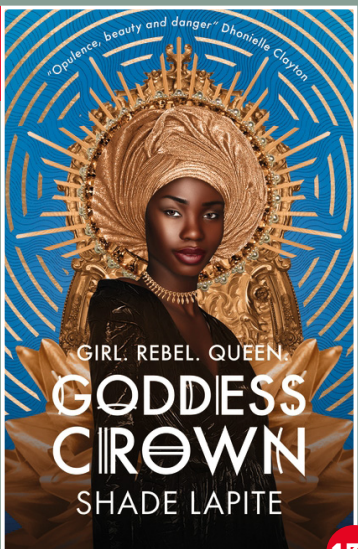
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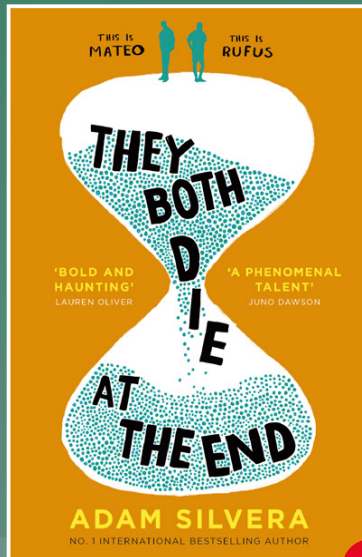
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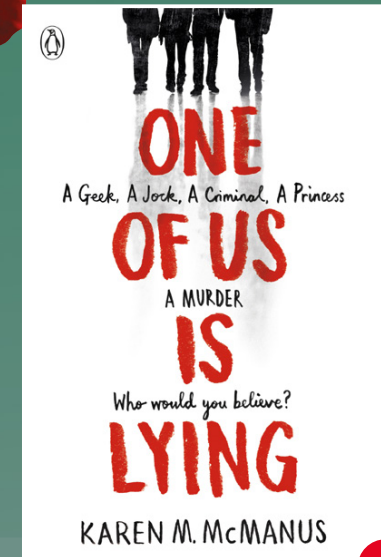
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