

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**

## Year 11 Football Success

Our year 11 boys football team progressed onto the 2nd round of the District Cup this week. We hosted a strong Melbourn team after a close first half, our second half display was excellent and we scored two excellent goals. The game was played in great spirit with respect shown from both sides - goals came from: Yusuf, and Deivis. Star player was: **Heinrich**. We travel to Linton in the next round which should be played just before half term.

See more at the end of the blog!

## Double "Romeo & Juliet"

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February, 100 Year 9 students went on a trip to Cambridge Arts Theatre to watch a production of "**Romeo and Juliet**". Meanwhile, back at school, KS4 students enjoyed a film screening of the same play in the school auditorium. More details to follow in the next blog!

## Year 7 girls football

Our year 7 girls football team now have a win, a draw, and a defeat to their County Cup record this season. The team travelled to Cottenham last week where they played some excellent football - it's great to see them becoming a team and working well together. After a tight match, the game finished 1-1 so honours even.

## Extra-curricular clubs - update

We have decided to change our extra-curricular club timetable early due to increased staffing, and popularity of specific sports. Please check the new timetable carefully at the end of the blog and please remember **these clubs are simply turn up, play and enjoy!** This schedule will run until the Easter Holidays.

## Year 9 Art Club

We have been exploring the media of Brusho and looking at the contemporary artist Anna Valdez for inspiration. Students have experimented with placement of colour, colour matching and colour blending. Within club, we have also been looking at ideas surrounding how we can use objects to represent identity similar to Anna Valdez. Pupils have learned through discovery how to be experimental and be playful with a new material. A material that is vibrant but sometimes unruly.



## Orbital Odyssey

Last week, the Year 12 Chemists visited St Catherine's College to look at a rather unusual Periodic Table. The display was made up of glass cubes representing all 118 elements that make up the periodic table. Within the cubes were 3D representations of how the electrons are distributed in the atomic orbitals, showing the relative sizes and shapes of the different orbitals.

The Year 12s found it a really informative trip that allowed them to visualize the patterns and trends of the Periodic Table and are looking forward to applying their new perspective back in lessons.



## Book club

KS4/5 and staff book club next meets Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February to discuss "Animal Farm" and to choose our next book. We hope this might provide some inspiration for students hoping to enter the Orwell Youth Prize – see [here](#) for more details.

## Could you be a library first reader?

We have a lot of new books in the library, which are displayed by the main door. We need some volunteers to read and review the books for us, because students often ask librarians what the books are about and if they are any good, and we don't have time to read them all ourselves. Please do borrow our shiny new books and then let us know what you thought!

## Echo Eternal

Charlie and Laurie from Year 9, and Sam from Year 10, performed in National Youth Music Theatre's '**Echo Eternal**' in London last Thursday evening. This very special event depicted a montage of real-life stories linked to Kindertransport and the transportation of Jewish children to England during the period of World War Two.

Those invitees attending the performance, which coincided with Holocaust Remembrance Day on 27<sup>th</sup> January, included journalist Natasha Kaplinsky, and older individuals who had survived the brutality of concentration camps like Auschwitz, and whose words were part of the verbatim script. The experience of performing in a musical theatre piece about such important and horrendous events in history was life-defining for the boys from Chesterton, who were joined by Bill Stanley (a former student) in the ensemble. They had a chance to speak directly to a Jewish man in his 90s who had survived various atrocities of the time including four years in a camp when he was the same age as the boys. He said he was deeply touched by the performance and by talking with our students. One of the lyrics of the songs sung was 'We shall not be silent' and as exquisitely beautiful as it sounded to hear, the message is stark and vital: we must never stop echoing the stories of those six million Jews who were murdered by the Nazi regime.

NYMT staged the performance with stylishness, sensitivity and dimensionality, and Sam, Laurie and Charlie all described it as an 'honour' to be part of.

## Students Explore Hamnet Theatrics

On Thursday (25<sup>th</sup> January), 29 English and Drama students went to the Royal Shakespeare Company production of Hamnet - Maggie O'Farrell's acclaimed novel about the tragic life of Shakespeare's family - at the Garrick Theatre in the West End.

Students were inspired by the use of props and dress to explore maternity and grief, stagecraft and voice, as well as the depictions of Tudor domesticity.

## Young Musicians' Triumphs Ahead

Well done to the Year 7 and 8 students who performed in the Parkinson's UK fundraising concert on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January. They performed their own compositions, as well as an overture written for them, and other musical items, alongside members of the Cambridge Philharmonic and pupils from Mayfield Primary School. A great afternoon!

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February we have our next Live Lounge after school. All are welcome to sign up to perform in this informal concert of solos and ensembles.

Letters have now gone home at rehearsals for the Spring Concerts at West Road on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March. We are holding two concerts this year and students are busily preparing in rehearsals. If students do not yet have a letter they can collect one from their next rehearsal.



# Artwork of the Week!



Isabella Jaramillo, Year 8



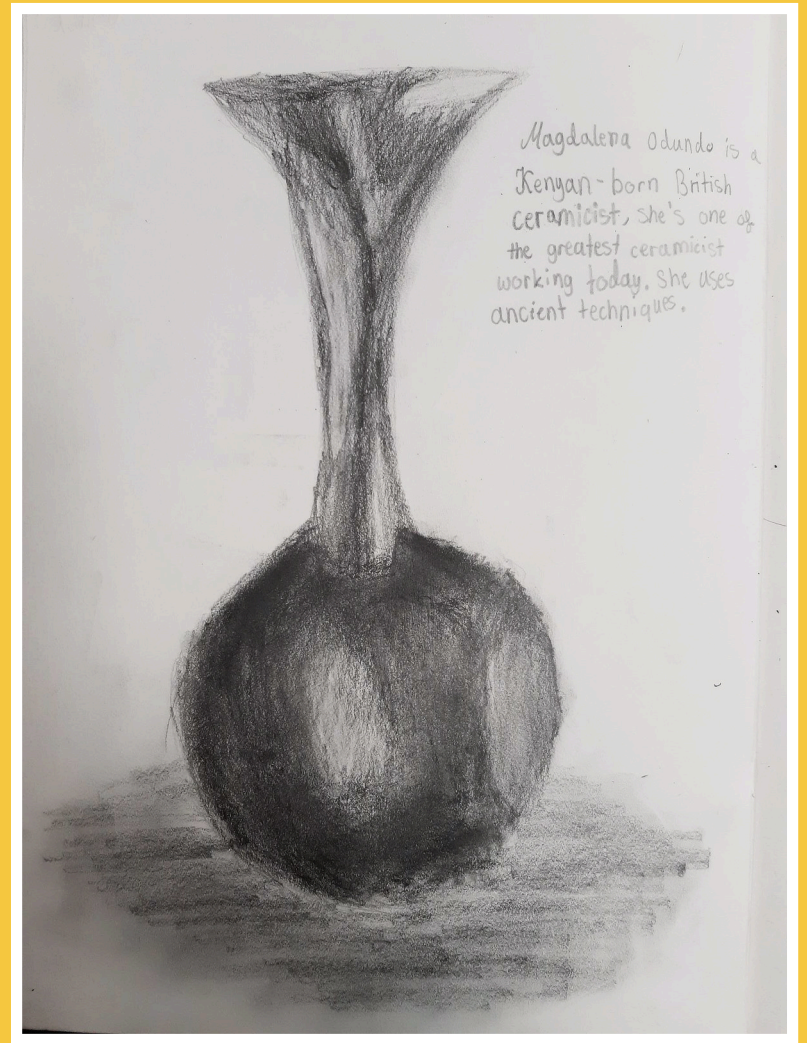
Siqi Dong, Year 8

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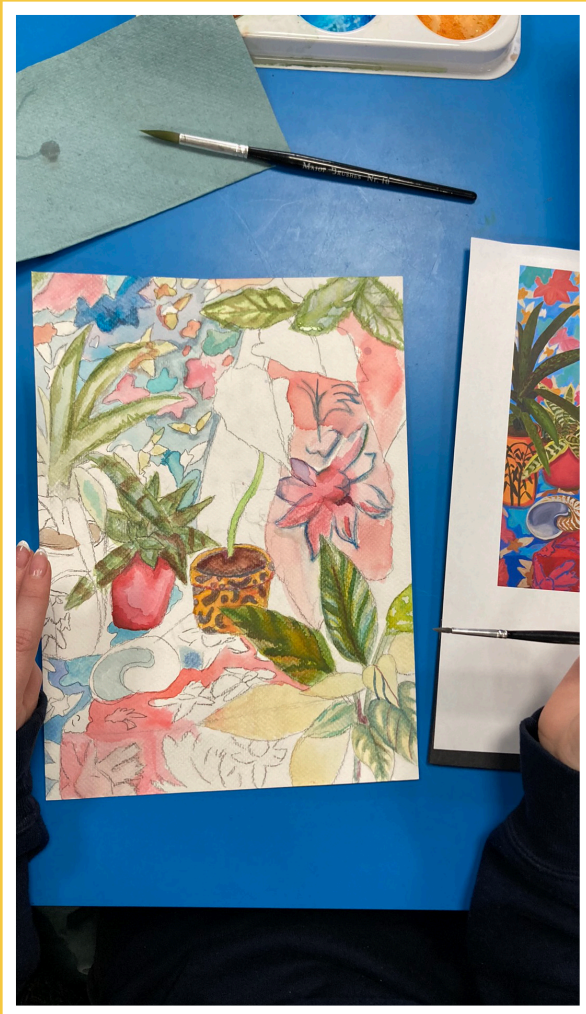


Well done to Maja Padurska, Year 8, who has shown notable progress in art recently.

Look at her drawing from the start of the year compared to the one she did last week, what a great example of a student challenging their limits.



# Art Club!





|                  | Activity   | Time   | Staff                              | Venue  |
|------------------|--|--|------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Monday</b>    | Year 7-11 'Fitkidz' (fitness suite)  | 3.30pm-4.15pm  | SC                                 | Fitness Suite  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Year 7 netball<br>Year 9, 10, 11 handball<br>Year 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and GCSE PE trampolining<br>Year 7 boys football<br>Year 8 boys football<br>Year 7 & 8 fencing | 3.15pm-4.45pm<br>3.15pm-4.45pm<br>3.15pm-4.45pm<br>3.15pm-4.45pm<br>3.15pm-4:45pm<br>3.15pm-4.15pm | HMO<br>LM<br>BP<br>MH<br>AFI<br>CS | Courts<br>Sports Hall<br>Old Gymnasium<br>Astro<br>School Field<br>Rex Freeman |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Year 7-11 'Fitkidz' (fitness suite)<br>Year 9, 10, 11 badminton<br>Year 7 & 8 Table Tennis<br>Year 8, 9, 10, 11 netball  | 3.30pm-4.15pm<br>3.15pm-4.45pm<br>3.15pm-4.45pm<br>3.15pm-4.45pm                                   | SC<br>DI<br>MH<br>BP               | Fitness Suite<br>Sports Hall<br>Old Gymnasium<br>Courts                        |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Year 8 & 9 basketball<br>Year 9 & 10 boys football<br>Year 7 & 8 girls football<br>Year 8, 9, 10, 11 climbing  | 3.15pm-4.45pm<br>3.15pm-4.45pm<br>3.15pm-4.45pm<br>3.15pm-4.45pm                                   | BP<br>MH<br>HMO<br>AFI             | Sports Hall<br>Field<br>Astro<br>Old Gymnasium                                 |
| <b>Friday</b>    |  |  |                                    |  |

\* The sports centre charges £4 per session for Fitkidz (fitness suite).

\*Alternatively, you can pay £23 per month for unlimited use, or £18 per month by direct debit.

\*Alternatively, you can pay an annual fee of £180 Payment is made via the sports centre.

**Please note: These clubs are just turn up and play! No need to sign up but please remember your PE kit!**