

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 Triumphs: WorldWise Success

We have had a very successful evening at Long Road Sixth Form College. 2 teams from Chesterton took part in the WorldWise Quiz, organised by the Geographical Association. Congratulations to both teams for taking part, 1 of our teams even came 2<sup>nd</sup> place against 13 other teams from schools around Cambridge!

## Book exchange

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February we will hold a pop-up book exchange in the atrium. Please can students bring in surplus books from home (for house points rewards) and they are very welcome to pick up free preloved books whether or not they have brought a donation of their own.

## KS4/5 book club

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February, a group met at break time to discuss our reflections on Orwell's "**Animal Farm**" and eat a lot of biscuits. The book was a great hit, with lots of us commenting that we didn't normally read or enjoy anthropomorphic stories, but George Orwell does it so well. We also considered the cultural capital inherent in some famous books, and how referring to characters like Boxer gives us a shared frame of reference. Some members of the group were inspired to enter the Orwell Youth Prize – details [here](#).

For the next half term, we will read Salinger's "**The Catcher in the Rye**". We hope other students and staff might be tempted to join in reading with us.



## Book fair competition – win book vouchers

On 28<sup>th</sup> February, we will welcome a visiting book fair. All students will be able to visit the fair to see if they wish to purchase a book. Students can use their World Book Day book tokens to get a discount off a book. In addition, students can enter a competition to win an additional £5 book token. To enter the competition, simply make an A4 poster entitled 'How to choose a book'. The poster can be handwritten or made on a computer, and a physical copy must be handed in to the library by February 27<sup>th</sup>. The poster should give advice on how to choose what book to read next. These will be displayed in the library to help our students select their reading material.



## German Culinary Creations!

Year 9 German have been busy in the kitchen this week! As a homework task they made videos or animations of how to make a recipe of their choice, practising how to give instructions using the Imperative in German. From bread rolls and vegetable soup, to pizza, salad and cookies – I'm sure you'll agree that their creations look delicious!

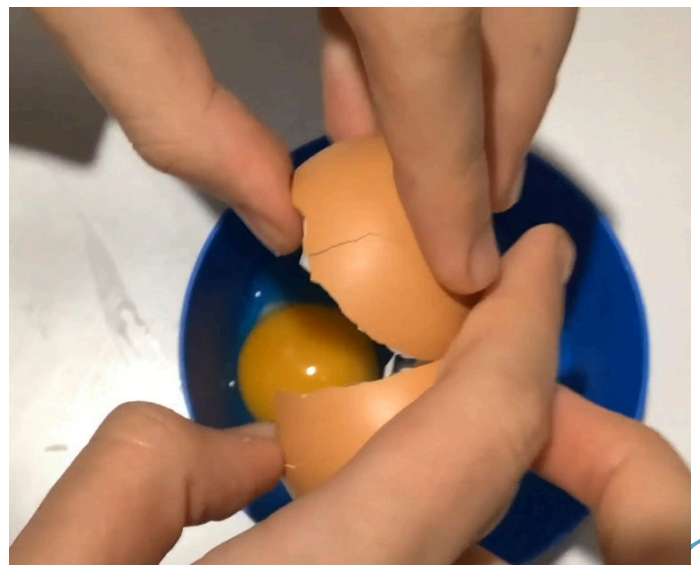


## Poetry competition deadlines

Thank you for the entries for the poetry competitions "**Winter Wonderland**" and "**Through their eyes**". Please email any further entries to [sphillips@ccc.tela.org.uk](mailto:sphillips@ccc.tela.org.uk) before the end of this half term (16<sup>th</sup> February) to be entered.



**THROUGH**  
THEIR EYES





## Basketball triumph!

Over the past weeks, two U14 teams and the U16 team proudly represented Chesterton at the District Finals, securing fantastic results. The U14 team played at Long Road Sixth Form, clinching the top spot, while U14 B secured a solid third position in the district. The U16 tournament took place at Chesterton, featuring a challenging final against St Bedes, who ultimately emerged victorious.

**A big shoutout to all the students involved for a job well done!**

## Cross country success in Year 9!

Pippa B and Lilijana L-M have earned their spots to represent Cambridgeshire at the English Schools XC, following outstanding performances in both the County and Anglian Schools. Best of luck to them in the next stage!









# Artwork of the Week!



Donatella Lorusso Barahona, Year 11



Maddie Chang, Year 11



Libby Hudson, Year 11