

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.

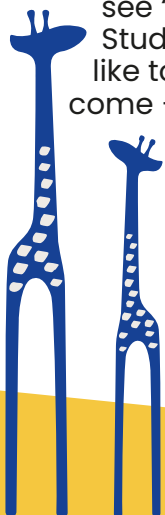
Rolf Purvis
Executive Headteacher

Cambridge Literary Festival

We are very excited to see the line-up for this year's Cambridge Literary Festival. More info [here](#).

The talks and events may be of interest to families, for example, this **event** by Stuart Lawrence (brother of Stephen Lawrence) interviews notable Black figures about their experiences growing up in Britain. It is suitable for age 10+.

We are delighted to have secured tickets to see "**Hostile Environment**" on 18th April. Students in Year 9 and 10 who should like to attend the trip need to sign up to come – see parentmail for more details.



Giraffes Roam Cambridge Trail

You may remember that before Christmas, staff and students had been busy decorating a small herd of mini-G's! Since Christmas the giraffes

have been on quite a journey and have travelled back to their base, been professionally photographed and prepped and are now resting in their locations across the city ready for the public to come and view them.

The trail across Cambridge is called, Standing Tall, and will be raising money for a charity called Break. Across the trail you will see that Chesterton and Chesterton Sixth Form have been involved in 3 of the mini-G's; ELA, Erwin and GEM. We would love to see as many families get involved with trail and to see our small herd in the city.

There is so much going on over the next few weeks that the charity suggest that you keep an eye on the CST social channels and check out their website **Cambridge Standing Tall - Break** for up to date information. I have attached a PDF version of the trail map and then from Monday 18th March you can also download the official CST24 App. Hard copy versions of the official trail map will be available from various hubs around the City from Wednesday 20th March. The trail maps are free, but Break are asking for a £1.00 donation when collecting them from the hubs. The trail officially opens on the 21st March.

We look forward to hearing all about your giraffe adventures.



National Youth Theatre Workshop!

Last Friday, 25 of our students from years 9 – 13 took part in a workshop with a director from the National Youth Theatre of Great Britain, who came to Chesterton's Atrium Theatre for the day. These brave and ambitious performers developed their improvisational and devising skills over a period of 3 hours, before having 1 – 1 interviews in the afternoon, where they performed monologues which they had previously prepared. Some of the participants are already members of NYT, though the majority of participants were auditioning to become part of this organization, the alumni of which includes the likes of Dame Helen Mirren and Daniel Day-Lewis. Across the country only 1 in 10 of those audition are accepted to take part in a course, the completion of which enables them to be NYT members until they are 25. Fingers crossed that talented individuals from Chesterton get lucky this year as they have in the past!



In terms of the attitude and aptitude shown on the day, all of the auditionees deserve to become members, in that they collaborated together so beautifully and committed to every exercise with enthusiasm and skilfulness. Well done to them all for being such ambassadors of the College, and for delving into some of the great monologues from dramatic literature. As the NYT director said when he left, 'you're doing very, very good work here'. Whatever the results, which we'll find out in May: keep on acting!

Year 10 Mosque Trip

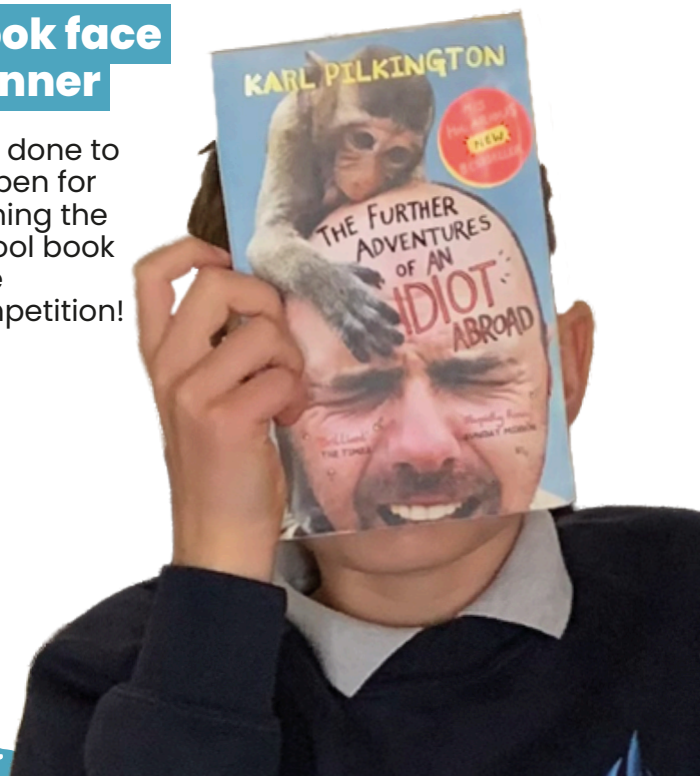
Last Friday, a group of year 10 students who are studying the GCSE Religious Studies course at Chesterton Community College, went on a school trip to the Cambridge Central Mosque, Europe's first eco-friendly mosque, on Mill Road.



They are currently studying the Islamic practices module so this was a fantastic opportunity for the students to gain a deeper understanding on how Muslims practice their faith, how and where they donate to charity and learn about the different features of a mosque. We rounded our trip off with a lovely complimentary cuppa inside the Mosque cafe which the students very much enjoyed!

Book face winner

Well done to Reuben for winning the school book face competition!



Equiano Tops Interhouse Competition

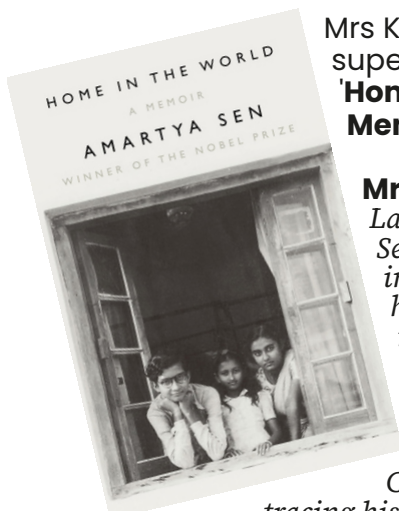
On Tuesday 5th March, Year 7 participated in the Interhouse competition from period 3 to period 6. The students displayed impressive resilience and teamwork. A big thank you to everyone involved; the inter-house event was a fantastic day. Congratulations to the Year 7s who represented their houses with enthusiasm.



Big shoutout to the Year 9 sports leaders and Year 7 teachers who help out in the tournament!

After adding the scores, the standings are as follows: Cavendish in 5th place, Robinson in 4th, Fawcett in 3rd, Hill in 2nd, and claiming the top spot is Equiano.

Staff reading recommendation of the week

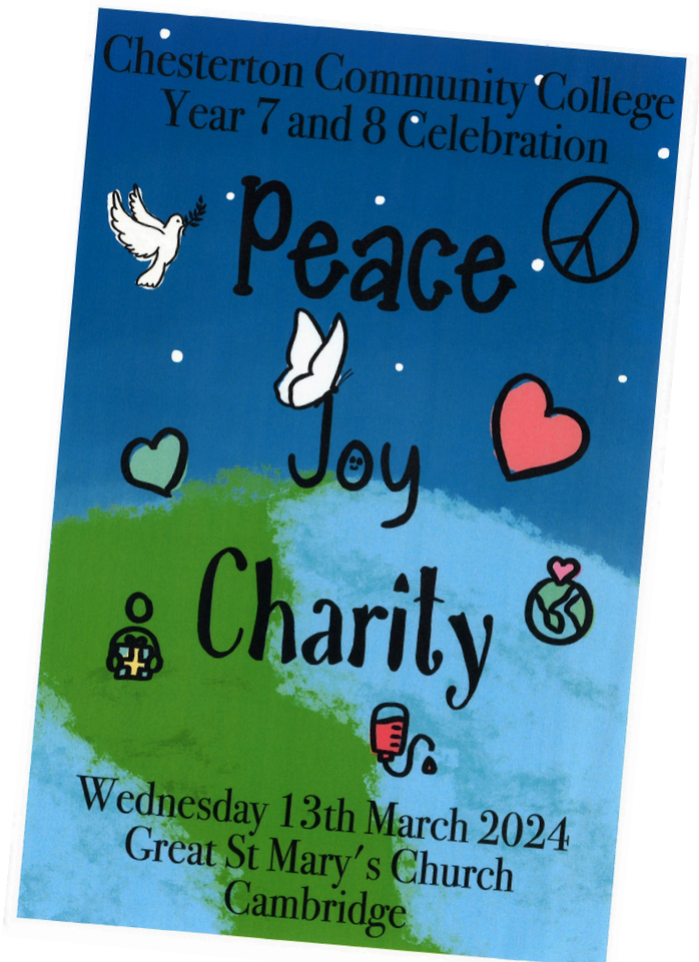


Mrs Kamal (Cover supervisor) recommends **'Home in the World - A Memoir'** by Amartya Sen.

Mrs Kamal writes: "Nobel Laureate economist Amartya Sen looks back at his intellectual growth through his family and academic relationships. He takes the reader to his childhood in the Indian subcontinent and then moves to Europe, including Cambridge, and to the US tracing his intellectual journey and fascinating life-long experiences."

Chesterton's Multi-Faith Celebration

All Year 7 and 8 students took part in our annual multi faith celebration at Great St Mary's on Wednesday. Students listened to different religious and non-religious viewpoints on peace, joy and charity, and musical solo and ensemble performances, as well as singing five songs together communally. It was a lovely morning and celebration of our Chesterton community, with great contributions from all involved.



Artwork by Emily L, Year 8

We are looking forward to our Spring Concerts at West Road next Thursday, 21st March. There are a very small number of tickets left – if you are interested, please do contact Miss Wilson.

ESU Double Win

Congratulations for Anna (Yr 7), Shiv (Year 8) and Laurie (Year 9) who were announced as 3 of the 5 winners of the Regional Heat in the English Speaking Union Performing Shakespeare Competition for KS3, which they took part in on Tuesday evening in Bury St Edmunds. The three students were selected to do this by Corkscrew Theatre Company, who observed actors during rehearsals and performances in our recent production of 'Twelfth Night' to see who would best suit the oracy element as well as monologue/duologue component of the competition. Evidently, Corkscrew made the right choice and we're grateful to Lesley Ford for guest coaching the 3 young actors to this end! Anna was the only Year 7 student, and Laurie and Shiv were the only duologue entry, to be selected for the national finals taking place in May this year.



To reach the grand final of the competition held at the Globe Theatre in London, one winner is chosen from the East of England, which means that the next round of the competition will be particularly tough for all who have qualified across the country. However, the fact that our 3 students have got this far – beating off plentiful nominees from independent schools in the region as well as those who have done the competition before – is a tremendous achievement in itself, and Chesterton feels both lucky and proud to be the only school to have both its Regional Entries win: go team!

Wins and Triumphs!

Last week was buzzing with sports activities! The U12 Football team won in the district cup against St Bedes with an impressive 5-1 victory. Their next challenge is against Comberton at home.



Meanwhile, the U16 Football team returned post-MOCKS and secured a narrow victory of 1 goal against Linton in round 2.

The Year 8 Football team faced a tough cluster fixture, resulting in a win for Cottenham school.



We took a full minibus of students to Cottenham yesterday for some year 7 netball games. Both teams played brilliantly! Well done to all the year 7s who are regularly coming to training on Tuesday afternoons, your netball is looking fantastic.

Luck Be a Lady Tonight!

Chesterton Youth Theatre made a trip to London's Bridge Theatre this week to see Nicolas Hytner's Olivier-award nominated production of 'Guys and Dolls' which famously incorporates immersive techniques and brilliant staging. Mr Cooper, who organised the trip, was delighted by the way the group of thirty students from Years 8 – 11 conducted themselves, receiving lots of comments from front-of-house staff and other patrons of the theatre about their immaculate conduct! At the end of the show, the actors stayed on stage – which turns into the 'hot box' – and audience members were invited to come and dance with the professionals.



Naturally, our students were the first ones up to do this, and again, inspired other audience members to comment on how talented they were! It would seem from chatting with a few students at school on the day after the trip that 'Guys and Dolls' was one of the best pieces of theatre they have ever seen, and it shows just how fresh, innovative, creative and uplifting a classic musical can be to an audience of modern-day teenagers, who have the spirit and sass to seize opportunities like this one. Well done everyone for making it such a successful if somewhat late evening!

Hot Tickets for 'Fever'!

Tickets for Chesterton Youth Theatre's searing production of 'FEVER!' are selling fast – book yours quickly before you miss out! This play is an adaptation of Arthur Miller's 'The Crucible' and promises to be a remarkable rendition of the narrative that came from the Witch Trials of Salem in 1692, whilst making strong visual connections with the 'Red Scare' of 1950s America (when Miller wrote it), and even – in brief moments – with the "witch hunts" of our own times today. The adaptation borrows dialogue from the movie version of 'The Crucible' and brings Miller's own words about the drama to the stage in a dynamic 2 hour tour de force with stirring music and traverse staging. The year 10/sixth form company of actors represent CYT at its very best, and their striking portrayals of these classic characters reflect our belief that young people can act as well as professionals when given such challenges. Tickets can be [purchased here](#).

This is "total theatre" just outside your door, so step out and discover a true story you'll never forget.

World Book Day

Thank you to everyone who got involved in World Book Day on 7th March.

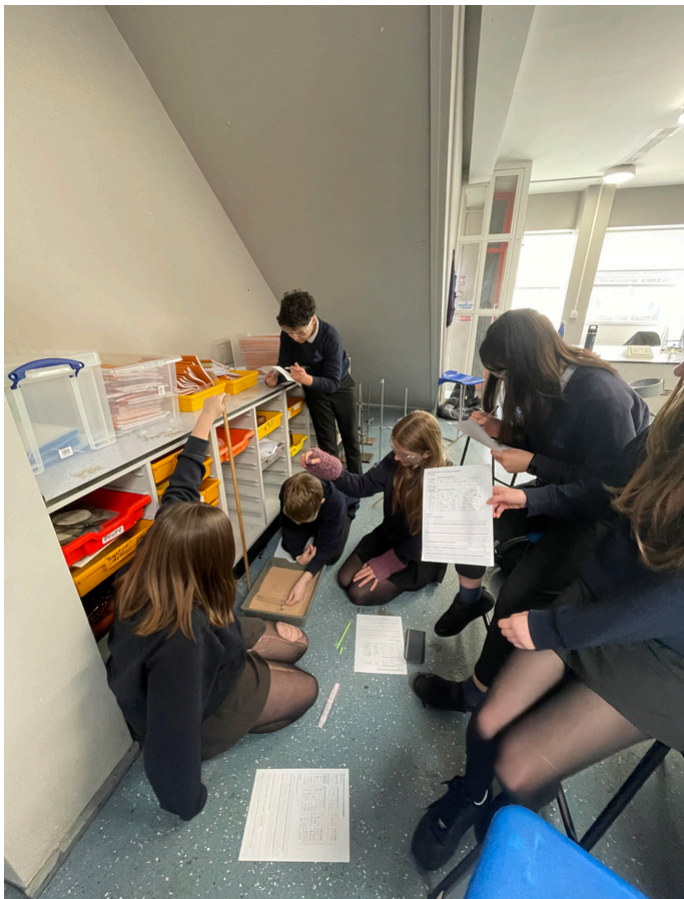
We had a very jolly time, with loads of fabulous costumes and activities. Nearly 100 free books were awarded as prizes, and students enjoyed emoji book quizzes, mystery books, and scavenger hunts, running round the school looking for teachers who loved reading.



Year 7 Classifies, Year 8 Investigates!

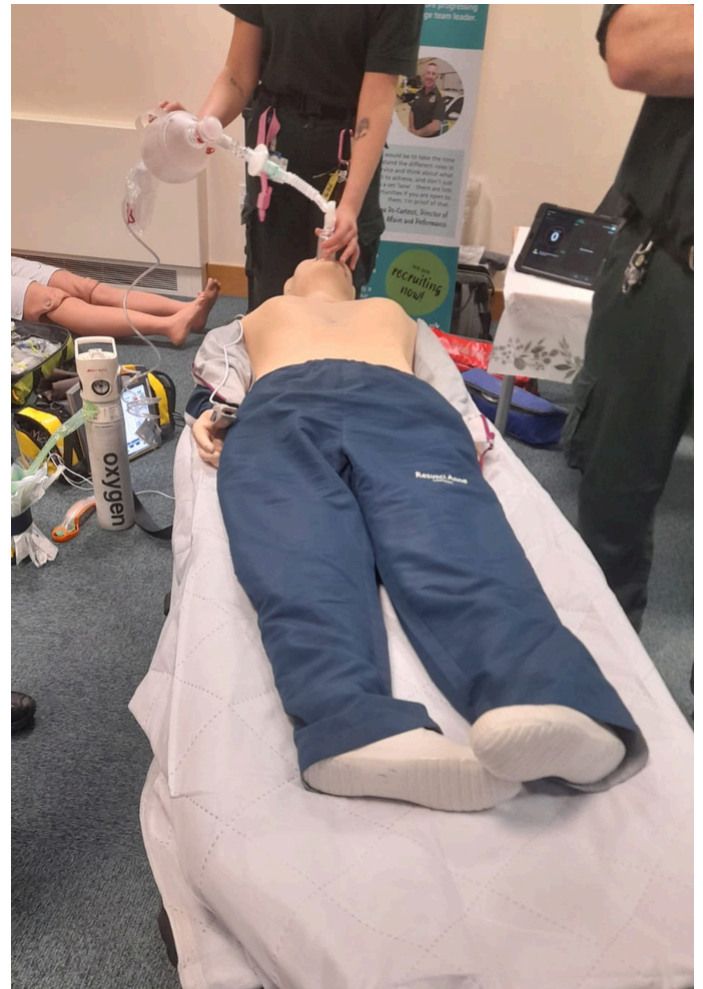
With the with the animals a year 7 lesson on classification where students are making their own biological keys to identify the specimens.

The other is a year 8 lesson investigating how the size and speed of a meteor will affect the size of the crater formed.



Students Explore Health Careers at Expo!

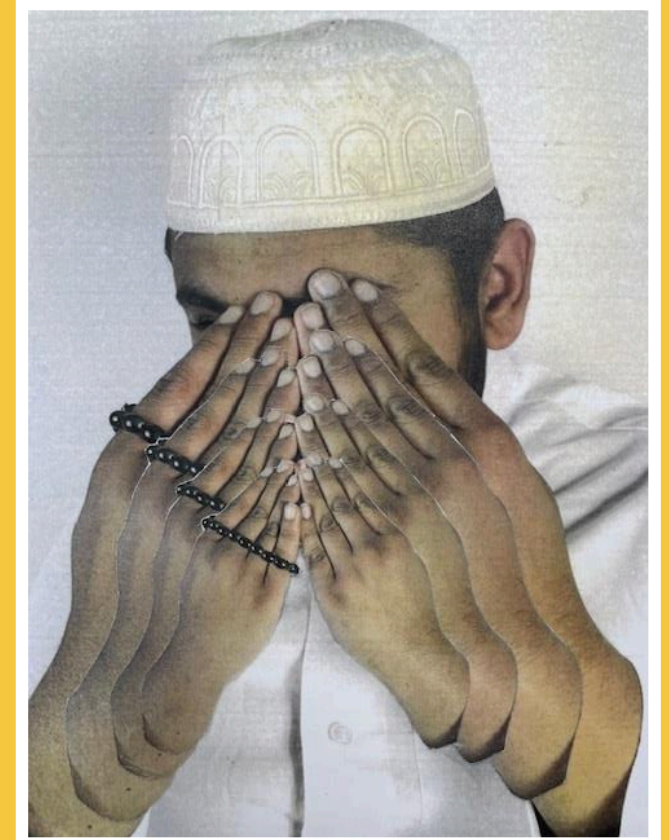
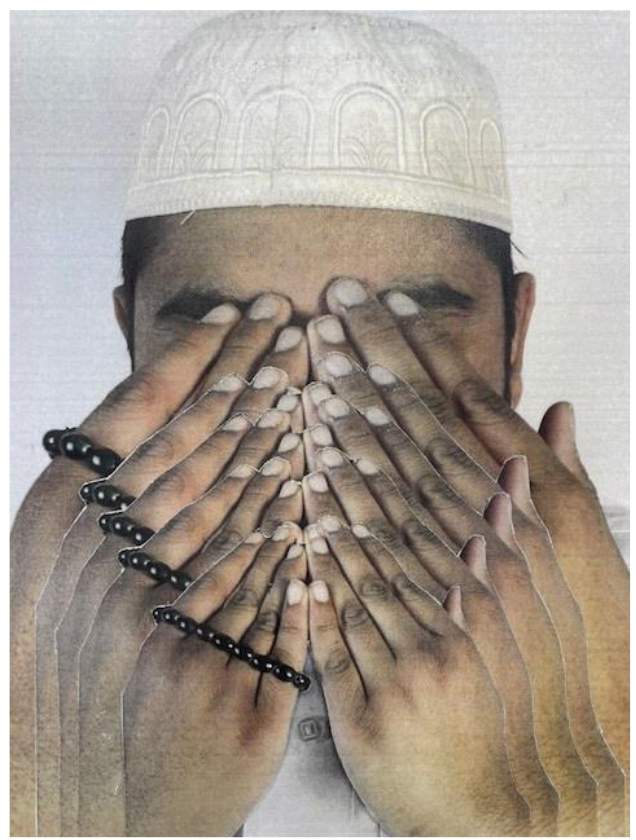
Our health and social care students attended a Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Health and Care Careers Expo on Tuesday 12th.



There were talks, market place stands and activity rooms demonstrating the many different careers in health and social care. Some of the interactive activities included performing CPR, extracting a tooth and a giant operation game.

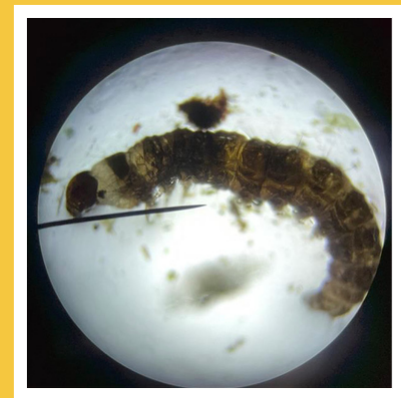
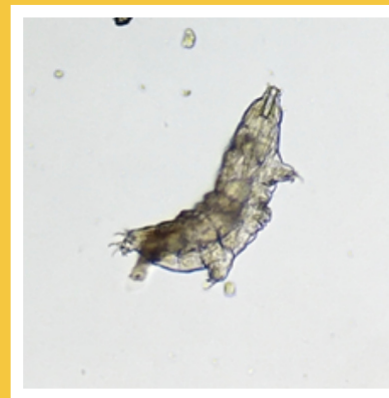
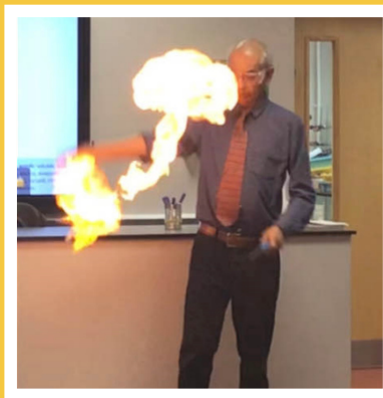
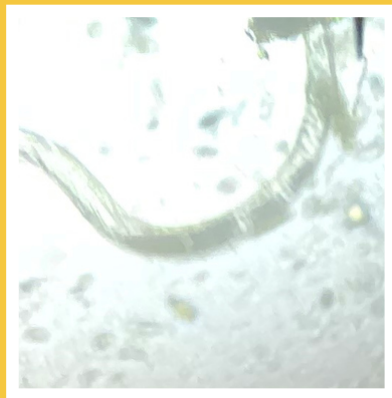
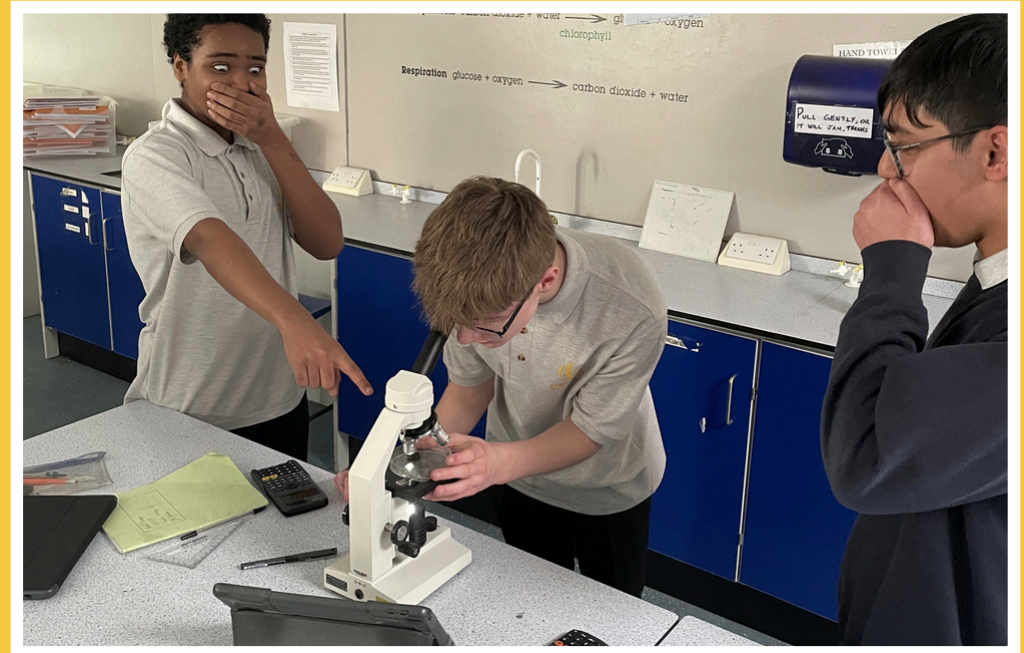
They all had a great time and have said that they didn't realise there was such a range of opportunities linked to the subject.

Artwork of
the Week!



Ishaaq Rahman

 **Science
Week**



Trail Map

Donate!

Enjoying the trail? Did you know that all proceeds go to local charity Break to raise the aspirations of the county's young care leavers? If you've enjoyed your fun day out, why not make a one-off or regular donation to Break and you could change young lives!

Scan to donate or visit break-charity.org



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Cambridge North



Walk, cycle or take public transport.

Check out our website for more details.

Approx. 20 mins by bike, 45 mins walk or hop on a bus!
Check out our website for more details

Just 5 minutes by bus!



Map Key



! If you see a sculpture that has been damaged or vandalised please call our helpline on 01603 670460

Visit Break's charity shop in Sawston! Find them at 46b High Street, Sawston, CB22 3BG.

Find our herd!

Cambridge Standing Tall 2024

"If it wasn't for Break I don't know how my life would've turned out. I've now got the best life and I cannot thank them enough for helping me."

- Jack, Break care leaver

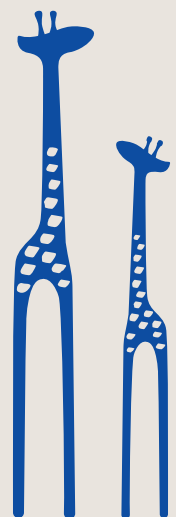
Large Giraffes

- 1. The Giraffoid**
Artist: Sally Adams
Sponsor: The Hill Group at Knights Park
Location: Eddington Avenue
- 2. Cosmic Explorer**
Artist: MrASingh
Sponsor: Eddington, Cambridge
Location: Eddington Square
- 3. Hubert the Giraffe**
Artist: Mik Richardson and 10 Creative
Sponsor: West Hub
Location: West Hub, JJ Thomson Avenue
- 4. Umnyama**
Artist: Lisa Todd
Sponsor: eduroam
Location: University of Cambridge Library
- 5. Grandifolia Camelopardalis**
Artist: Lois Cordella
Sponsor: Zing Insights Ltd
Location: St John's Street / All Saints' Passage
- 6. Anne of Green Gables**
Artist: Sally Adams
Sponsor: Aspiration Europe
Location: St John's Street
- 7. Find a New Perspective**
Artist: Rebecca Morledge
Sponsor: The Perse Prep School, Cambridge
Location: St Mary's Street
- 8. Growth**
Artist: Charlie Stafford
Sponsor: University of Cambridge
Location: Great St Mary's Church
- 9. Theory of Everything**
Artist: Alice O'shea
Sponsor: Alan Boswell Group
Location: Great St Mary's Church
- 10. Carat**
Artist: Daniel Bland
Sponsor: Cambridge BID
Location: Peas Hill, Market Square
- 11. Boaty***
Artist: Sandra Russell
Sponsor: Graduate Cambridge
Location: Graduate Cambridge, Riverside Garden
- 12. On Yer Bike**
Artist: Roberta Wood
Sponsor: Hilton Cambridge City Centre
Location: Hilton Cambridge City Centre
- 13. Metropogiraffolis***
Artist: Dinky Doors
Sponsor: Grand Arcade
Location: Grand Arcade, Ground Floor
- 14. Gina Giraffacts***
Artist: Anne-Marie Miller
Sponsor: Bridge Partners
Location: Grand Arcade, Ground Floor
- 15. Gearaffe***
Artist: Kevin Baumber
Sponsor: Cambridge BID
Location: Lion Yard Shopping Centre, Ground Floor
- 16. Nelson Mandela***
Artist: Sonia Perkin-David
Sponsor: Lion Yard Shopping Centre
Location: Lion Yard Shopping Centre, Ground Floor
- 17. Go Wild**
Artist: Illona Clark
Sponsor: ZSEA Banham Zoo and Africa Alive
Location: Drummer Street
- 18. Poppy**
Artist: Jina Gelder
Sponsor: Milton Hall Cambridge Ltd
Location: Christ's Pieces
- 19. Jiggles and Iggles**
Artist: Rachael Butler
Sponsor: Pentaco Construction Ltd
Location: New Square Park
- 20. In My DNA***
Artist: Philippa and Rachael Corcut
Sponsor: The Grafton
Location: The Grafton, Ground Floor
- 21. Endangered**
Artist: Alice Courtney
Sponsor: Anglia Ruskin University
Location: Anglia Ruskin University, East Road
- 22. Evie**
Artist: Amy Ashford - VDM Agency
Sponsor: Welch's Transport
Location: Parkers Piece, Football Monument
- 23. Swifts - Visitors to Cambridge**
Artist: Rosalind Harrison
Sponsor: Cambridge Independent
Location: Parkers Piece, Hobbs Pavilion
- 24. Savannah's Golden Guardian**
Artist: Rebecca Amplett - Dandelion Mosaics
Sponsor: Cambridge City Council
Location: Parker's Piece, Regent Terrace
- 25. Strawberries and Cream**
Artist: Emma Graham
Sponsor: Gonville Hotel
Location: Gonville Hotel
- 26. Jungle Giraffe**
Artist: Jill Busby
Sponsor: Railpen
Location: Hills Road War Memorial
- 27. Kind Hearted**
Artist: Reilly Creative
Sponsor: Fora
Location: Food Park Station Road
- 28. Glisten Up**
Artist: Reilly Creative
Sponsor: Carter Jonas
Location: One Station Square
- 29. Born to Stand Out**
Artist: MrASingh
Sponsor: First Copy
Location: Station Place
- 30. Honey**
Artist: Donna Newman - Eden-Designs Murals
Sponsor: Brookgate, Schroders and Novotel Cambridge North
Location: Cambridge North Station Concourse
- 31. Kickers**
Artist: Mik Richardson
Sponsor: Brookgate, Schroders and Novotel Cambridge North
Location: Cambridge North

***Restricted viewing times.** Please check venue website for details.

Learning & Community Programme Mini Gs

- The Hill Group at Knights Park***
- 32. Giraffa Lampada**
Sally Adams
Available at auction
- Storey's Field Eddington***
- 33. Biddulph**
University of Cambridge Primary School
- 34. Feeling Herd**
SCSC Break Young People
- Heffers Bookshop***
- 35. Alan the Giraffe**
Mayfield Primary School, Cambridge
- 36. Persey, The Perse Prep School Giraffe**
The Perse Prep School, Cambridge
- Cambridge University Press Bookshop***
- 37. United**
The Bellbird Primary School
- Lion Yard Shopping Centre***
- 38. Erwin**
Chesterton Community College
- 39. Frida La Vida**
Great Wilbraham Primary Academy
- 40. Giraffington**
Barrington C of E Primary School
- 41. Hope**
Bourn Primary Academy
- 42. Foxy G**
Foxton Primary School
- 43. Giraffes Can Dance!**
Bottisham Community Primary School
- 44. Amber**
The Red Hen Project and Mantle Space Ltd
- 45. Sasha Windows - let love shine out**
Castle Street Methodist Church
- 46. Maurice the Globetrotting Giraffe**
Bell Cambridge
- 47. Stand Out**
Hardwick and Cambourne Community Primary School
- 48. Jeremy**
Castle School Cambridge
- 49. Stewart**
Abington Centre Papworth Trust
- Cambridge Central Library***
- 50. The Elsworth Trail**
Elsworth CE Primary School
- 51. Gladys the Fawcett Giraffe**
Fawcett Primary School part of The Trumpington Federation
- 52. Milton**
Milton CE Primary School
- 53. Thriving Together**
Trumpington Park Primary School
- Grand Arcade***
- 54. Gerard the Giraffe**
Realise (University of Cambridge Widening Participation)
- 55. Living the OPAL life**
Pendragon Community Primary School
- 56. Sunset Giraffe**
St. Laurence Catholic Primary School
- 57. AJS Mini G**
Alderman Jacobs Primary School
- 58. Giraffulous Miraffe**
St Mary's School, Cambridge
- 59. Riley - The Rights Respecting Giraffe**
Swavesey Primary School
- 60. Courage and Collaboration**
Hatton Park Primary School
- 61. Sarah**
Baca Charity
- 62. Geraldine**
Meadow Primary School
- 63. Gerald the Giraffe**
Bar Hill Primary School
- 64. Geoffrey Giraffe**
The Cavendish School
- 65. Giles**
Trumpington Meadows Primary School
- 66. Gaston the French Giraffe**
Alliance Française Cambridge-Norwich & Abbey College Cambridge
- John Lewis Cambridge***
- 67. Many Hands, One Spirit**
57th Cambridge (Fulbourn) Scout Group
- 68. Smiley Miley - The Positive Affirmation Giraffe**
Break - Burrowmoor Home
- 69. Richard**
Papworth Trust
- 70. GEM**
Chesterton Sixth Form
- Hilton Cambridge City Centre***
- 71. Gilly the Girlguiding Giraffe**
Girlguiding Cambridgeshire East County
- 72. Kaleidoscope**
Rebecca Amplett - Dandelion Mosaics
Available at auction
- 73. Corpus Christi Camelopard**
Corpus Christi College
- Gonville Hotel***
- 74. Crosshall Junior Ambition!**
Crosshall Junior School, St. Neots
- 75. ELA**
The Eastern Learning Alliance (ELA)
- Anglia Ruskin University, East Road***
- 76. Starburst**
St Matthew's Primary School
- 77. Day and Night**
Parkside Community College
- 78. Gauguin**
Swavesey Village College
- 79. Gary the Grove Giraffe**
The Grove Primary School
- 80. Marsha the Marshland giraffe**
Marshland High School
- 81. GLADys**
Cromwell Community College
- 82. Gerald**
Papworth Trust - Saxongate
- 83. Proud to be Eynesbury**
Eynesbury C of E Primary School
- 84. DeeDee**
Dry Drayton C of E Primary School
- 85. Stukeley**
Stukeley Meadows Primary School
- 86. Proud to be HBK**
Hinchingbrooke School
- 87. Nigel**
Newton Primary School
- 88. Geronimo**
Buckden C.E Primary Academy
- 89. Faith the Flourishing Giraffe**
Fordham CE Primary School
- 90. Giraffamophone**
Cambridgeshire Music
- 91. Patch-rick the Petersfield Giraffe**
Petersfield Church of England Primary School
- Novotel Cambridge North***
- 92. Twiga**
Phil Daniels
Available at auction
- 93. Nugget**
Daniel Bland
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**THE ATRIUM THEATRE
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**INSPIRED BY MILLER’S
‘THE CRUCIBLE’**



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 on the link below:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/chestertonyt

We hope everyone in the Chesterton Community who is interested in theatre will want to come and see this unique production and incredible company. If you have any questions, feel free to email smarston@ccc.tela.org.uk.

Otherwise: book before it's too late!

