

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

Creative writing success

Huge congratulations to Emily, Lucia, Emilia, Deniz, Michelle, and Piotr who entered a creative writing competition called "**The Glitch**" and whose work sufficiently impressed the judges that they have been chosen to have their work printed in an anthology. A copy of the book will be available in the school library once it has gone to print.

New Clavinova!

A huge thanks to all those families who contributed via the PTA Wish List for a new Yamaha Clavinova (electric piano) for the music department. The piano is now in situ in one of our teaching rooms and will be very well used. Thanks must also go to our site team who very kindly assembled the piano.



Year 7 Architecture Design Challenge

Chesterton's annual Architecture design challenge took place last week. Students worked together with architects from the **Cambridge Association of Architects (CAA)** and with **Architecture students from the University of Cambridge**. Students made a site visit to 'the dip' an underused part of the school site, they were challenged to design a small structure for a this area. Small groups of students had the privilege of working with a specialist to support their design process and connect them to the real-world practice of architecture. Each group designed and made a maquette of their design. These models and designs will be displayed in an exhibition at Cambridge University Faculty of Architecture, students involved will be able to attend with their families, keep an eye on parent mail for invites. This will be an opportunity to celebrate the fantastic design work, recognise the powerful partnership between Chesterton and local architects and to inspire a future generation to get into design and a career in



architecture. A big thank you to the volunteers from the CAA and the Faculty of architecture who gave up their own time to plan and deliver the day, organise the exhibition and fund the materials. We are already looking forward to planning further collaborations.



Music Department – Bands Live Lounge

Following our solos and duets Live Lounge before half term, last Thursday saw a great evening featuring bands from across the school. We heard from five different acts from Years 8-10, with a range of covers and original items, and both acoustic and electronic music. Well done to all those who performed, and thanks to Mrs Thurlow for organising this lovely event.

News from the PTA – PTA Band Night, 14th March

The Chesterton Community College PTA warmly invites you to our upcoming and not-to-be-missed Band Night at the Portland Arms. This will be a chance to socialise as a community, whilst enjoying some live music. The gig will feature an experienced parent band, supported by one of the school's talented student bands.

The event is being held at The Portland Arms, a great local live music venue with a capacity of 200 people. Book early as we expect this to be a popular event. Under-18s are welcome if accompanied by an adult.

Headlined by The 27 Club, a lively covers band led by a Year 10 parent, with support by the excellent student band Mirada (year 9). All you need to do is buy tickets in advance via the link below (£8 Adult & £5 U-18), tell your friends, then come along for a night of entertainment, socialising, and dancing, and all to help support your school. Doors from 7:30pm. Music from 8:30-10.30pm.

Tickets must be bought [here](#) in advance.

Antony and Cleopatra theatre trip

On Thursday (29th February), 15 students went to see the Marlowe Society's production of Antony and Cleopatra at the ADC Theatre. The cast provided a pre-show talk about staging the play and how to approach older texts. Students thoroughly enjoyed an engaging adaptation of this Shakespearean tragedy.



Chesterton Students Host Dutch Visitors

We welcomed over 60 students from the Netherlands to Chesterton for a day this week. The students and staff were from the school that our students visited as part of the Turing trip last year. It was excellent to see our students being buddies to our visitors and helping to support them in their visit as they took part in activities and lessons with us.



Year 12 German Studies Conference



On Friday 1 and Saturday 2 March we visited St. Catharine's College for a series of lectures and workshops by international university students of German. On Friday we attended a German-language workshop by Deutsche Welle (one of the top news sources in Germany) about fake news and how to recognise it. The workshop was not only very engaging and eye-opening, but a good opportunity to use our knowledge of German in an interesting scenario. We also listened to a lecture on the Oxbridge admissions process which helped us to think more about applying to university and what we can do to be successful in securing a place. On Saturday, we heard a number of lectures by undergraduates on different aspects of German life and culture, discussions of literature and film and critiques of how the country handles its history. Overall, the event was a good experience for all of us, since it gave us an insight into what taking German as a degree subject might entail, and what sort of content it covers.

The undergraduate conference was a really fun experience, with many talks, presentations, and activities throughout the two days. I learnt a lot about Oxbridge, and universities in general, as well as of course German history and culture. Most of all though, the conference was really inspiring and exciting- seeing the passion and effort that the undergraduates had put into their research was very motivating for me and got me excited about studying at a higher level too!

Year 10 journalism event

On Monday, 22 Year 10 students were joined by Emma Higginbotham for a workshop about her life as a journalist.

The students gained valuable insights into where journalism can take you as a career, what the life of a freelancer is like and how to write stylishly and creatively.

Chesterton Hosts Bikeability Course

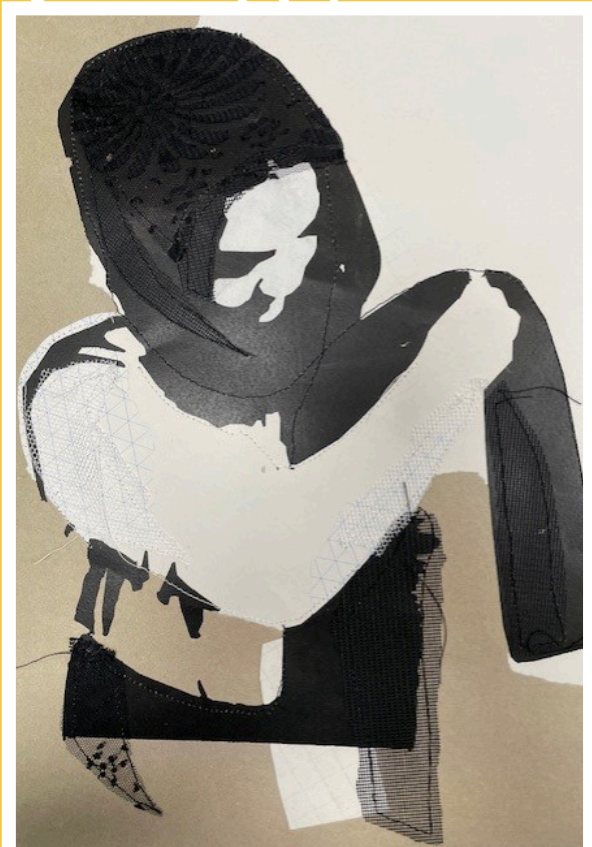
Last Friday, we welcomed the Outspoken Instructors to Chesterton Community College to conduct the Bikeability Level 3 course. Congratulations to everyone who participated on the course. More pupils will be joining in every Friday for the next 3 weeks.



Get Into Teaching Event

Find out more about getting into teaching in the East of England at this in-person Get Into Teaching event at the Hilton, Cambridge on March 12th - **Find out more and register here!**

**Artwork of
the Week!**



Amina Begum



Afsan Ali



Gabriel Perera