

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

## Storybook Circus

Tickets are selling speedily for Chesterton Youth Theatre's next production! Hot on the heels of **'Fever!'** it's **'Storybook Circus'**: an hour-long showcase of musical theatre hits on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 4.30pm and again at 7pm! The original story, told by a cast of over 50 performers, centres around fairy tale beings who have been captured by the circus! They yearn for freedom, but only sharing their songs, dances and stories can possibly convince Will Stromboli to set them free! This is a Key Stage Three production, giving our younger students a chance to shine in an inclusive show with two main casts which switch around for both performances. You can book tickets on the link below, and we urge you to do so before they're all gone!

**Storybook Circus at The Atrium Theatre event tickets from TicketSource**

## Key Stage Four Jekyll and Hyde performances

On the final day of term, Year 10 and 11 students had the privilege to see Quantum Theatre's live adaptation of Jekyll and Hyde in the auditorium. This production was lively and engaging, as well as being a fantastic revision opportunity for Y10's upcoming mocks and Y11's English Literature GCSEs. The actors also shared their thoughts on becoming the characters on stage and bringing Stevenson's classic novella to life.



**A big 'thank you' to the PTA for their financial support of this, as well as for the generous parental contributions.**



## Romsey Mill visit for Y9 students

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March, Year 9 students welcomed Neil Thompson, the fundraising manager for Romsey Mill, to explore persuasive communication and the work of his charity. He discussed emotional and logical appeals and how to write with clarity and purpose, supplementing the work Y9 have been doing in English related to rhetorical communication.

## Students Thrilled by 'Wicked' Musical Outing!

On the evening of 28<sup>th</sup> March, 39 of our GCSE music students enjoyed a trip to see the musical 'Wicked' at the Apollo Victoria Theatre in London.

We travelled together by train and London Underground – a great experience in itself – in order to get to the theatre for the performance.

The song 'Defying Gravity' from Wicked is a GCSE set work and so it was brilliant for students to hear this performed in context with live orchestra. We also enjoyed visiting the orchestra pit before the show to get a glimpse of how the orchestra is set up, and to see some of the plethora of instruments used.

The students were a credit to Chesterton. Thanks also to the staff who accompanied the trip.



## Charity Event for Children with Autism

A parent within the community has asked us to promote this event which is in aid of Romsey Mill who do great work for children with autism: go along if you can and have a good time supporting an important cause!

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FEATURING

# THE ARCHIVE

Indie | Britpop | Grunge | Punk

1990s & 2000s

# Megamix

Storey's Field Centre  
Cambridge  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 7pm  
£10 Entry  
Under 18's Free

[www.Eventbrite.com](http://www.Eventbrite.com)  
[www.facebook.com/TheArchiveBand](https://www.facebook.com/TheArchiveBand)  
<https://www.storeysfieldcentre.org.uk>

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## Class of 2024 Shines at Roy Burrell Awards for Sporting Excellence!

Fourteen year 11 students attended the Roy Burrell Awards on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April at The Perse School for outstanding contributions to sport both inside, and outside of school. The event is held each year in memory of Roy Burrell who provided much inspiration in sporting success in Cambridge and is organised by the Cambridge and District Secondary School Sports Association. The students selected were:

Kai W (Football), Max Q (Football), Vlad S (Swimming), Heinrich K (Swimming), Juan M (Swimming), Jason K (Sailing), Gabriella G (Football), Carrie D (Tennis), Leo I (Tennis), Amelie M (Tennis), Harrison C (Rowing), Olivia J (Rowing), Lili V-L (Rowing), Stella P (Gymnastics)

**Well done to the Class of 2024!**



## Biology Students Brave Weather

The Year 12 Biology students from Chesterton Sixth Form and Cambridge Maths School were sampling biodiversity in the ancient meadows of Fulbourn Fen SSSI this week. Spirits were high despite the wind and rain, and in total over 1,500 plant were identified to the species level – a huge success!

## Clubs

New PE clubs are up and running for the summer term! It's been great to see so many students already getting involved in the new PE clubs, with 50 students attending athletics club on Tuesday. Please do look on the PE noticeboards for more information on clubs, or speak to your PE teacher.

## Rowing

The PE department have some fantastic links with local sports clubs, one of them being Rob Roy Rowing Club. Every year, our year 8 students have the chance to try out for a space in a fully funded summer term rowing programme, where 12 students will be taught how to row at Milton Country park.

**Well done to all the students who gave the fitness tests a good go!**

## Sporting success

Last year, Anita (year 9), was one of the successful candidates from the rowing programme mentioned above. Just 1 year later, and she has stuck got the rowing bug; training multiple times a week and working very hard. Recently, she won Bronze at the indoor rowing championships in Birmingham.

Heinrich (year 11) has recently won the U16 county Rugby Cup with Cambridge Rugby Club, in a very close final against Shelford Rugby Club. Heinrich played the whole of the game, on the left and right wings, making some amazing tackles and runs. Well done!



## Fixtures

As always, there's been lots of fixtures going on. Year 7 & 8 netball teams were victorious against Swavesey, and the year 9 vs 10 boys football fixture was 2-2 at full time, with the year 10s winning on penalties.



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**Mrs Hawkins**

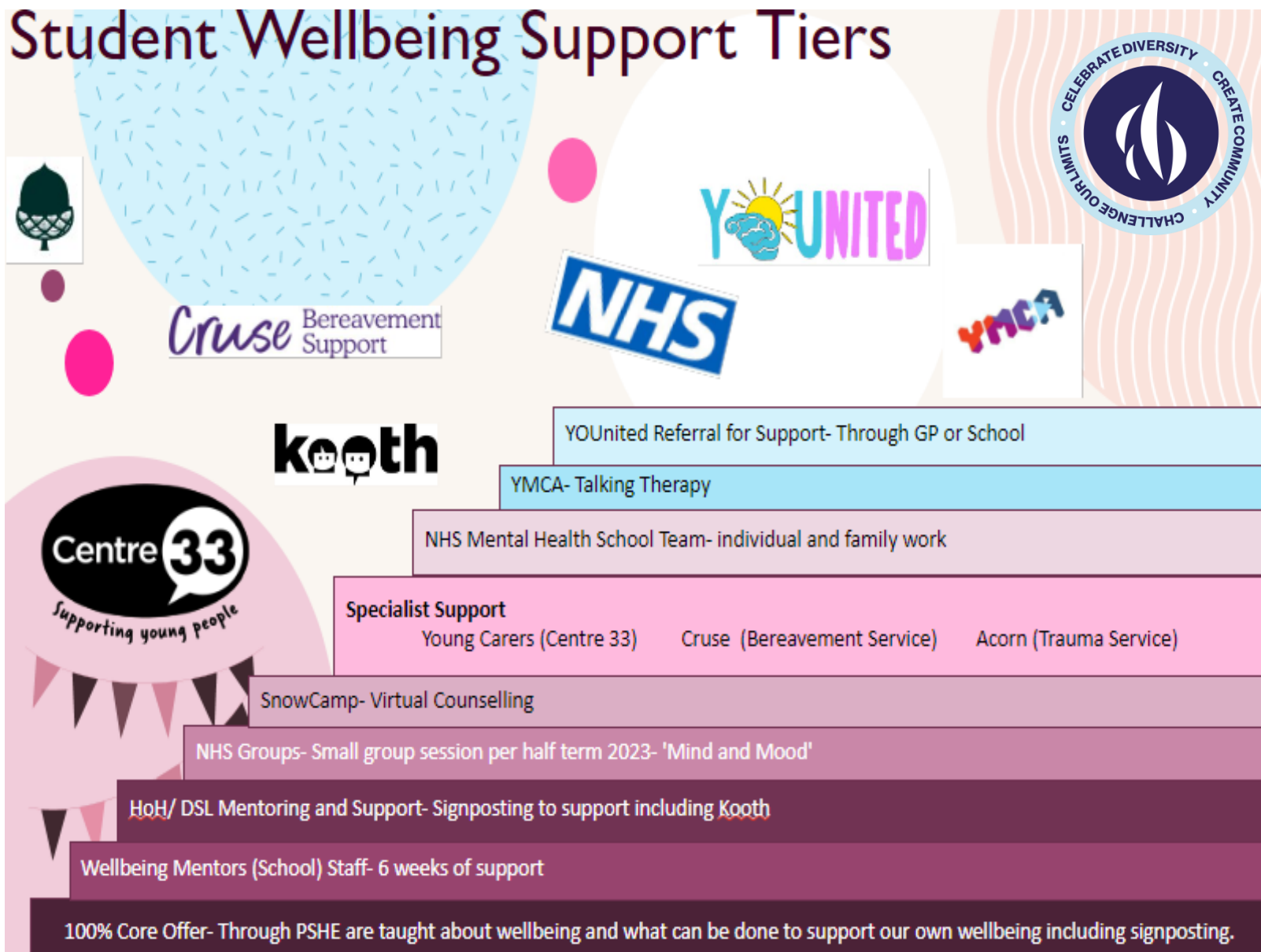
Mental Health and Wellbeing Lead  
Office next to A8

Speak or email your class teacher, form tutor, Head of House.

Email:

[worried@ccc.tela.org.uk](mailto:worried@ccc.tela.org.uk)

# Student Wellbeing Support Tiers



**Cruse** Bereavement Support



YOUnited Referral for Support- Through GP or School

YMCA- Talking Therapy

NHS Mental Health School Team- individual and family work

**Specialist Support**

Young Carers (Centre 33) Cruse (Bereavement Service) Acorn (Trauma Service)

SnowCamp- Virtual Counselling

NHS Groups- Small group session per half term 2023- 'Mind and Mood'

HoH/ DSL Mentoring and Support- Signposting to support including Kooth

Wellbeing Mentors (School) Staff- 6 weeks of support

100% Core Offer- Through PSHE are taught about wellbeing and what can be done to support our own wellbeing including signposting.

Artwork of  
the Week!



Sid le Vann