

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

U14 Football team into District Cup Finals!

The U14 Girls Football team secured a victory against the strong Soham team. They will play the District Cup Final on the 20th June at Newmarket Town FC. Congratulations to the team!



Litmus School Writing Project

On Thursday 18th April, a group of Year 9 and 10 students visited the Cambridge Union chamber as part of The Litmus School Writing Project.

This project, run by Trinity College, encourages young people to submit creative responses to this year's theme, 'Hostile Environment.'

The speakers included Ali Smith (novelist), Amelia Gentleman (Guardian journalist), Michael Braithwaite (a Windrush campaigner) and Woodrow Phoenix (a graphic storyteller).



The students were each given a copy of Amelia Gentleman's book *The Windrush Betrayal*, and there will be a copy in the library to borrow.

Year 9-11 students are invited to submit their responses directly [here](#).

GCSE Art and Design Exams

GCSE art and design exams have been taking place this week. This photo shows students hard at work. To see the finished work please come along to our annual summer exhibition where you will be able to see gcse art, photography and textiles work. Year 12 art and photography students will also be showcasing their current work.

This is a great opportunity if your child is considering gcse or a level art in the future.

Save the date: Thursday 23rd May, 5.30 to 7pm, E18 and the balcony. All welcome.



Sixth Form Update

This term is as you would expect one of real importance; Y13 start their exam period as of the 13th May and so the time leading up to this has focused on supporting and preparing them for when they go on study leave to ensure they are able to make best use of the gained time and that they are in a mentally positive state as the exams edge closer. The sixth form team have been running some whole group sessions on structuring revision, dealing with procrastination, etc, whilst also meeting with all Y13s on a one-to-one basis in the mornings to check in with them.

Year 12 are also about to go into their exam period next week. This will be a good opportunity for them to demonstrate their knowledge and ability with the content covered this year and it has been encouraging to see them so focused with their preparation and revision over these two weeks since returning to school.

After the Y12 exam period, apart from continuing with their courses, students will begin their UCAS applications with all students having a first draft of their personal statement written before we break up for the summer. By now, all students have explored a range of post 18 options and have attended or are booked onto some open days. For anyone who is still unsure (this is not unheard of at this stage), we will be incorporating check in opportunities into the Year 12 tutor programme to ensure students can further explore their thoughts as to what will come next. We encourage parents/carers to assist with this by having such conversations with their child at home, and thank you in advance for your support with this. Unifrog and UCAS are very good platforms for exploring all post 18 options, which students are also familiar with, both of which may also support further exploration.

On the 22nd May, we will be inviting all Year 12 students and parents/carers to the Progression Evening. This was a very successful and informative event last year which aims to highlight to families of not only all the different post 18 options available to students, but also how they can make the most of their time in sixth form to ensure they are able to compete in the graduate market when the time comes. Further details of timings and how to sign up will be sent out soon.

We wish all students in the sixth form the very best with their exams and congratulate them all for their focused approach and hard work leading up to them.

Thank you as ever for all your support with the sixth form.

Soap Stars: Year 9 Careers Day

The careers day involved students working together to imagine, plan, design, manufacture, package, promote and even pitch their own soap product. Each team adopted realistic business roles and aims, becoming a business for the day and working together to produce the best product.





**Year 12 Art Mock Exam
Day 1 of the 3 day exam**