

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

Exotic Animal Encounter!

On Tuesday our year sevens came face to face with a selection of exotic animals courtesy of a visit from a Zoolabs ranger.

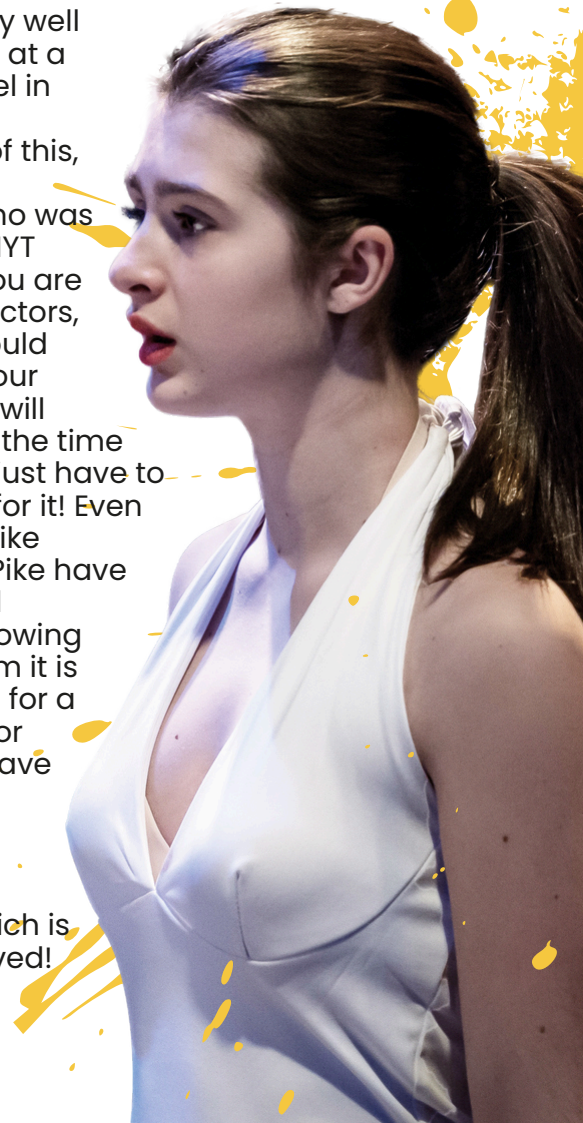
Buttercup the corn snake, Elvis the tarantula, George the tree frog, Jarvis the cockroach and Honey the New Caledonian gecko helped to illustrate not only some of the variety of creatures that we share the planet with, but also how they are adapted to their lifestyles in many different ways.



Many thanks to our PTA for funding this event alongside parental contributions. Definitely one of the more memorable school days I'd say.

National Youth Theatre Places Galore!

We are delighted to share the news that five of our students have been offered places with NYT this year, whilst 5 others have reserve offers! Huge Congratulations to Babak (Year 9), Kat, Gabrielle and Sam (Year 10) and Fergus (Year 11) for winning places on the digital, Bristol, Birmingham, Glasgow and London courses; and congratulations to Laurie and Callum (year 9), Mayuri (Year 10), Ceana (Year 11) and Josh (Year 13) for their reserve offers – fingers crossed that firm offers will soon become available! With there already being 4 members of NYT at Chesterton (Marnie and Quinn in year 11, Charlie and Mabel in Year 10), and 4 students cast in NYMT productions this year (Holly and Sam in year 10, Charlie and Laurie in Year 9), Chesterton Youth Theatre is exceptionally well represented at a national level in drama! But regardless of this, well done to everyone who was part of the NYT auditions: you are all brilliant actors, and you should know that your opportunity will come when the time is right, you just have to keep going for it! Even NYT alumni like Rosamund Pike have experienced rejection: growing stronger from it is what makes for a true artist! For those that have been accepted, enjoy the feeling of success, which is richly deserved!



Year 8 trip to the O2!

The season-ending 2024 British Basketball Playoff Finals will be returning to The O2 on Sunday 19 May 2024 for another afternoon of showstopping action. The Playoff Finals will see the elite teams go head to head in the two biggest games of the UK Basketball Calendar. Nearly 50 students from year 8 will be travelling to the O2 arena to attend the event! Follow us on twitter to find out more about it [@PeChesterton](#)

Great participation in PE Clubs!

Well done to everyone attending PE clubs this term! In this picture, you can see last week's Year 7 basketball training in action! We've had excellent attendance at the clubs, and we're incredibly proud of everyone participating in the athletics competitions. Next week, our Year 7 and Year 9 athletics teams will be traveling to Sawston. Good luck to all the participants!

Year 10 Geographers Illuminate Urbanization's Impact on Flood Risk

The year 10 geographers have been making the most of the sunshine. They were set the task to demonstrate a factor effecting flood risk, here is a great example of a group that highlighted the influence of urbanisation.



Art Exhibition

This is a wonderful opportunity for family and friends of GCSE art, photography and textiles and year 12 art and photography students to view and celebrate the work.

I would also encourage any students and families interested in one of our GCSEs or A levels in the future to attend and enjoy the show.

GCSE Art, Photography and Textiles exhibition.

Showcase of Year 12 A level Art and Photography.

Thursday 23rd May 5.30 – 7pm

E18 and the Balcony. Refreshments available.

