

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**

## Public Speaking – Kalina Speaks Out!

On Tuesday evening, at Anglia Ruskin's Mumford Theatre, finalists from across several Cambridge schools competed at the Speak Out challenge. This event is run by The Speakers' Trust, a charity promoting oracy in schools. One of their coaches came to Chesterton last term and delivered a workshop, from which Kalina was ultimately selected.

Nearly twenty young people gave their speeches in front of a large and noisily supportive audience. Huge congratulations to Kalina in Year 10 for her brave and charming performance. She crafted a wry, quirky and touching speech on the need for routine post-COVID (and of the importance of Yorkshire pudding in this).

This was the competition's first year in Cambridge, and funding has been secured for next year. We hope that others at CCC will follow where Kalina has led so bravely!



## There's No Business like Panto Business!

Year 8 students have all been performing in their own, original pantomimes based on traditional fairy stories, for their summer assessment in Performing Arts lessons. Their work has been outstanding! The scripts they have produced have been fizzing with witty allusions to current affairs – let alone the odd innuendo(!) – whilst remaining true to the happy endings and family target audience that pantomimes require. Added to that, students have seized the opportunity to include design elements, painting backdrops and sourcing elaborate costumes and props (including flour, eggs and whipped cream, which admittedly did make for a rather long clean-up after one lesson!).

Some of the Year 8 students will now be performing their pantomimes to Year 6 children who are visiting Chesterton next week, and to anyone from the community who wants to come and watch: **PANTO FEST24! on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July in the Atrium Theatre 5.30 – 7.15pm!** There is no reserved seating: you simply need to arrive approximately 5 – 10 minutes before the event kicks off and join the audience! Five of the best 15 minute pantomimes will be performed back-to-back, and an adjudicator will then decide on a winner! The audience will also have a vote, so everyone will be singing extra loud for your support! Instead of charging for tickets, we will be asking for donations to Centrepoint, a charity which helps young homeless people in the UK. Many of the stories of pantomimes revolve around 'rags to riches' and 'poor little orphans' and whilst these shows are full of fun and magic, they are also about reaching out to make deprived children happier. Homelessness is also an issue close to our hearts in Chesterton Youth Theatre, in preparing for our production of 'Rent', in which it is a major theme – remember to book your tickets for that on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> July! But before then, join with us in trying to do a good turn, through comic turns! **See you next Thursday for pantomime mayhem...and I'm not talking about the general election...OH NO I'M NOT!**

## Rory Stewart Discussion

The Chesterton A Level Politics department had its first trip to The Corn Exchange in Cambridge on Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of June. Here our students were able to have an evening of listening to former Cabinet minister Rory Stewart talk about his career in government and his thoughts on the political scene today. Students found his stories on working for both Liz Truss and Boris Johnson incredibly interesting and thought provoking, alongside his compelling insight into the deep underlying issues at the heart of government which he discovered during his political career. Our students were also lucky enough to get him to sign a copy of his latest book which he dedicated to our students and Sixth form!



## Chesterton Shines at the Jubilee Cup: Secures Second Place!

What a fantastic day at the Jubilee Cup! This well-known athletics competition brings together the top 12 schools in Cambridgeshire to compete for the top spot. The Athletics Club has been a huge success since first training, with great attendance even during last week's rainy days, making sure we kept up with training. All that hard work paid off as Chesterton claimed an amazing second place overall, just 7 points behind the winning school, The Perse. Well done to all the athletes in year 7, year 8, year 9 & Year 10! Competing in the heat was tough, but your determination made this great achievement possible. We're very proud of you!



## Cambridge City JPL Triumphs at National Football Tournament in Nottingham

On Saturday Imogen, Paloma, Aleks and their Cambridge City JPL team played in a national football tournament in Nottingham. The tournament involved 27 teams who were winners of their respective regional leagues and cups. Cambridge City won 7 games and drew 1, conceding only 2 goals, bringing home the trophy and the National Champions title.



On Monday we welcomed Y10 students to Chesterton Sixth Form for our Y10 taster day. The aim of the day was for students to experience life as a student at Chesterton Sixth Form; receive information about our offer and take part in workshops that aim to emphasise the skillset and mindset required at A-Level. The taster day marks the start of students' year long journey in deciding their post-16 progression route.

### **We have a number of events coming up over the next year:**

#### ● **Autumn Term 2024**

CAP post-16 information evenings

#### ● **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

Chesterton Sixth Form Open Evening

#### ● **November and December**

Tours of the Sixth Form

#### ● **Spring Term**

Face-to-face guidance meetings

#### ● **Late Spring Term**

Y11 Offer Holders Meet and Greet evening

#### ● **Summer Term**

Y11 Offer Holder Day

We also held our Y11 offer holder day on Tuesday, where we welcomed our offer holders back to Chesterton. They took part in subject based sessions to confirm their course selection and understand what our unique offer looks and feels like. As well as an opportunity to meet other offer holders and current sixth form students.



Both days were fantastic, with over 300 students visiting us. We are really excited about the future growth of the sixth form and the high calibre of students that are interested in our offer. We now wait with abated breath for results day, when we will be completing the enrolment of our 2024 cohort.

### **Sixth Form Social Action**

As Y12 students embark on their social action projects, we would like to advertise a couple of opportunities for parents to support some of our projects.

### **Kenya social action**

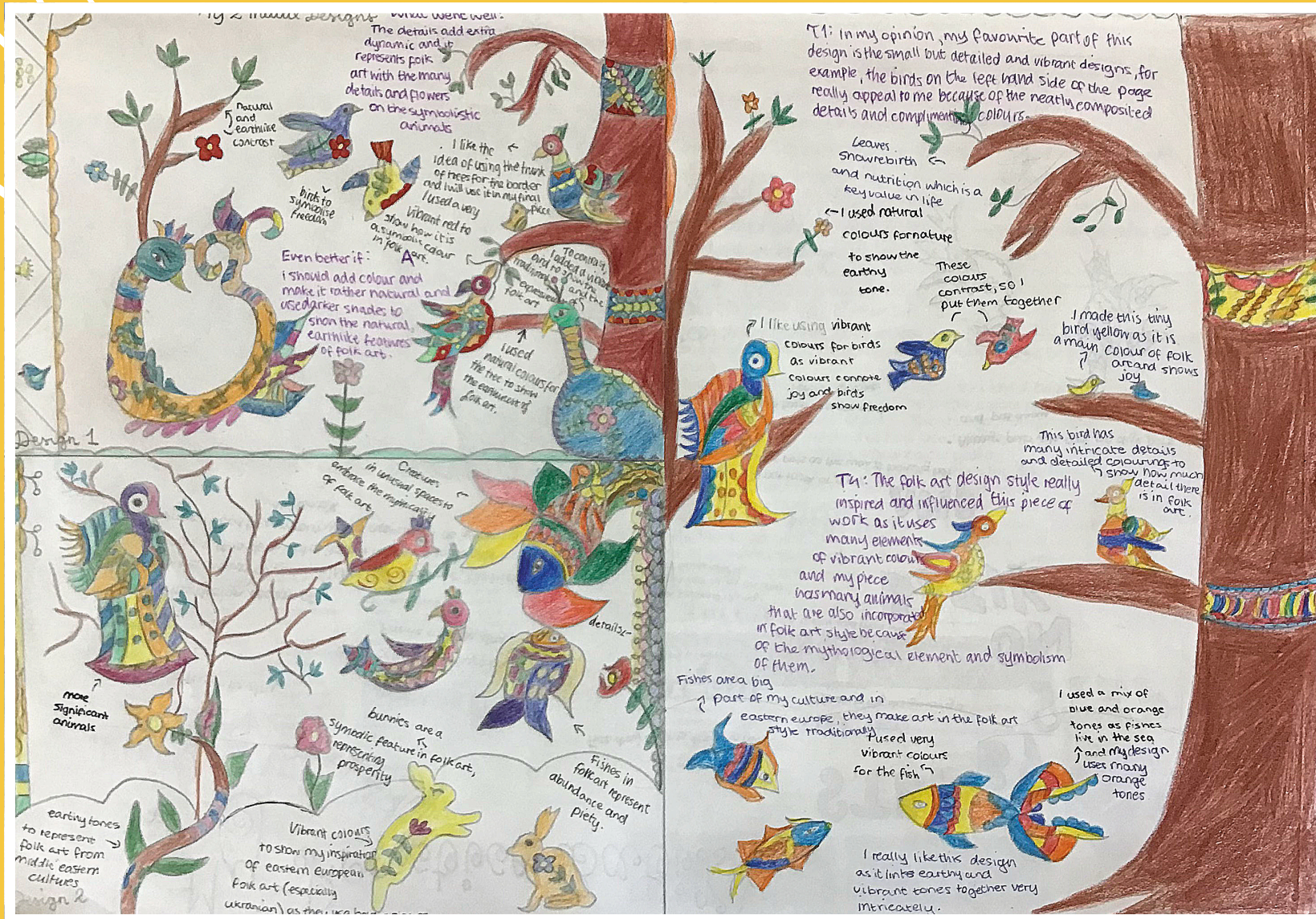
Whilst there, we will be providing funding to support low income and vulnerable students to access free school meals (something that enhances educational outcomes exponentially); as well as provide the schools with as many resources as we can (paper, books, sports equipment)

We have recently been in contact with the Nairobi Travelling Telescope and have the opportunity to buy in a planetarium and space experience for the students at the primary school. The opportunity will provide c. 300 students an opportunity to discover space and build a knowledge of the solar system, which for most will be a once in a lifetime experience.

We are also purchasing 12,500 acacia tree seeds to plant whilst we are there, this not only supports a nationwide project to re-green Kenya but supports our partner school in doing so and helps to off-set our carbon footprint.

If you would like to support any of these initiatives, financially or otherwise, please email James Mepham [sixthform@ccc.tela.org.uk](mailto:sixthform@ccc.tela.org.uk).

# Artwork of the Week!



Zsafia Vegvari's (Y8) detailed design ideas for her Surface Design final piece inspired by folk art

# DONATION SUGGESTIONS

A group of Sixth Form students (Annabelle, Pradanya, Rigina and Dua) are working with Jimmy's homeless shelter to gather essential resources for vulnerable members of the community. **There will be donation boxes from Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June until Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July at the main school reception.**

Donations of all sizes are welcome; there are some suggestions below. If you would like to get in touch to discuss this further, please contact: [sixthform@ccc.tela.org.uk](mailto:sixthform@ccc.tela.org.uk). A huge thank you in advance!

## Food & Drink

Cereal  
Pot noodles  
Tinned foods  
Vegan food  
Gluten free food  
Coffee / Hot chocolate  
Soft drinks

## Toiletries

Tooth paste & Toothbrushes  
Shower gel  
Shampoo & Conditioner  
Shaving cream & razors  
Deodorant  
Brushes and combs

## Non-Food Items

Cleaning products ie laundry detergent, cloths, sprays, wipes  
Toilet Roll  
Sleeping bags  
Blankets  
Travel mugs  
New towels  
New socks/underwear

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