

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

## Mirada to Rock Coggeshall Summer Festival!

Our Y9 band Mirada, will be participating this Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> June, at the **Coggeshall Summer Festival**, an event with great live music, amazing food and a variety of stalls. The band, formed by Aran (Guitar), Manuela (vocals), Leila (keyboards), Theo (drums) and Tristan (bass) promises an unforgettable musical journey filled with energy and charisma, performing a fresh mix of original tunes and inspired covers.



## PTA Bash '24

Thank you to everyone who has already bought their tickets for Bash '24! on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> of July, 2024 from 6 pm until 9.30 pm.

**Tickets are selling fast and steady! [click here to book now!](#)**

Thank you to the many talented musicians who have already put themselves forward to play music, the entrepreneurs volunteering to run student stalls, and all parents who have offered to help behind the scenes or on the day.

### It is not too late to get involved!

If you are a parent coming to the Bash and happy to help our teams (Decorations, Bar, Welcome & Food Service) for half an hour on the evening or setting up, or have any questions at all, please email:

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

Any student interested in running a stall or fete game, please get in touch with **[khicks@ccc.tela.org.uk](mailto:khicks@ccc.tela.org.uk)**

**We are looking forward to an evening of fun, feast and music together!**

## Year 10 Students Enrich Local Early Years with Fun Activities

The year 10 health and social care students have been busy organising visits to local early years settings. They have helped with a year 6 PE lesson at St Luke's primary school trying their hand at bowling and fielding a rounders game. They also planned and ran activities at Colleges nursery getting messy with finger painting, drawing with chalk, treasure hunts and playing ball.

The students have loved the opportunity to interact with young children in the local community and are now planning some visits to residential care homes.

## Chesterton Students Give Five Stars to a 'Life-Changing' Piece of Theatre



On the Thursday evening before half-term, the Drama Department took a group of over 30 students from years 9 – 13 to see 'People, Places and Things' at the Trafalgar Theatre, London. The revival production has been hailed by celebrities, authors and reviewers, but it isn't always the case that young people feel the same as those who write for The Guardian or The Times! In this instance, however, our own Chesterton drama critics were even more sonorous in their praise of the production, and indeed as we left the theatre, many were still weeping with overwhelming admiration for the style, substance and soulfulness of the show. One student wrote afterwards:

*"Thank you for the incredible time I had seeing 'People, Places, and Things'; this show will stay engraved my mind forever."*

The experience was made all the more special by meeting one of the cast, a former student of Ms Marston's who is now a professional actor, chatting with him before the show began. Ryan Hutton, who plays Shaun, spoke to the students about the importance of being 'in the moment' as an actor in Duncan Macmillan's achingly honest drama about addiction. He advised us that every actor needs to respond to every line in a way that's real, fresh and true to their character within the ensemble. Ryan went on to demonstrate this with perfect subtlety and explosive energy as he acted alongside Denise Gough and

Sinead Cusack. One student commented that 'it was inspiring to speak with him and then see what he can do: someone who shows you it's possible to pursue your passions and succeed'.

Thank you to everyone who attended the trip including Mr May, who commented on the thoughtfulness and flair of drama students at Chesterton. Meanwhile, if you can go and see this bittersweet performance, don't hesitate to book that ticket before it's too late!

## Careers, Science & STEM!

Y7 and Y8 had the amazing visit of the STEM Roadshow to learn about science via a fun and very engaging 50 minutes! The theme of the 2024 show was Electricity. Students watched the interactive performance and took part in some of the experiments, all around the topic of Electricity and how to generate it. A very fun and educational visit! Let's hope they can come again next year!



## Chesterton Triumphs in Year 9 Rounders District Tournament

Last Tuesday, the following students participated in the Year 9 rounders district tournament in Comberton Village College, achieving a remarkable success by finishing in first place. Congratulations to the following pupils for representing Chesterton in the tournament: Yasmine, Ilazki, Maddie, Paloma, Paige, Clara, Pippa, Alexandra, Suzie, and Imogen. Well done!

## Chesterton students show dedication despite rainy weather

A mix of students braved the rain last Tuesday to continue training for their middle-distance runs in preparation for the upcoming Athletics Jubilee Cup! Meanwhile, other students had the opportunity to work on indoor throwing and refine their technique. Despite the weather conditions, we even witnessed a new Year 9 800m school record, with Lilijana achieving 2 minutes and 34 seconds! We are so proud of the time and effort Chesterton students put into Athletics every week!

