

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

Music Clubs

We have had a great start to music extra-curricular activities. It's not too late to join a music group and there is something for everyone! Please see the attached timetable at the end of the blog for more information.

The folk fiddle band and Y10 band Mirada will be playing at the Nuns Way Recreation Ground on Sunday 15th September for the NCCP Summer Fete. They will be playing from 12.30pm - if you're free do come along and support them!

Zevi Starts in Tony Award Winning Musical!

Year 7 student **Zevi** is busy in rehearsal not just for Chesterton Youth Theatre's 'Lord of the Flies', in which he plays Percival, but also, for the Tony award-winning musical 'Fun Home', which is being performed at the ADC Theatre from Tuesday 24th - Saturday 28th September, produced by the celebrated local theatre company Between the Bars. The musical follows the story of real-life American graphic novelist Alison Bechdel. It dives deep into her turbulent past, and in particular, her eccentric, artistic and complicated family life at the Bechdel Funeral Home. Zevi has greatly enjoyed being part of this 'family', and he says it's a real privilege for him to have the chance to work with a tight group of adult actors, many of whom are trained as professionals. The singing and dancing in the show is also an aspect he finds uplifting, within a drama which has challenging and even heart-breaking content at times (audience age guidance 12+).

We are so proud to have a member of CYT in the production, and Ms Marston is also excited that her daughter Connie - who has been part of Chesterton performances - plays small Alison. 'It's fascinating to see the protagonist change from child to adult' says Zevi. He would love you to come on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday evening when his and Connie's team of child actors are performing. The show is only 90 minutes, and it promises to be a first class theatre experience. If you are interested in finding out more about how to get tickets, **please click on this link!**



It has been yet another exciting start to life at Chesterton Sixth



Chesterton Sixth Form

Form which all begins with our community building trip to Cornwall. Over the three days, students got to know each other quickly as they toured the Eden Project on different themed tours and participated in exciting activities such as climbing, caving and laser tag. On the final day, we were treated to perfect weather conditions as we took to the sea for some kayaking and giant paddleboarding; a highly enjoyable morning was had by all! The purpose of the trip is to provide students time to get to know each other before they step foot in classrooms and get rid of any initial nerves and instead replace them with excitement, and it is safe to say, this was definitely achieved.

This first week back at school has seen the two-year groups meet and settle into their new chapters at Chesterton; the focus for Year 12 being making a positive start in their subjects and making the necessary adjustments to A Levels, and for Year 13, to hit the ground running and re-instil the effective systems and study habits they showed before the summer, as well as to progress with their UCAS applications.

The buzz around the sixth form has been a real joy to experience and we cannot wait to update you further as we get further into term!



Chesterton character education

We are delighted to have started our tutor time character education and Personal, Social, Health and Economic education sessions this week! Students have been looking at community and responsibility reflecting on ways they can participate both in school and beyond. This will be supplemented by year group specific drop-down days - further information to follow.

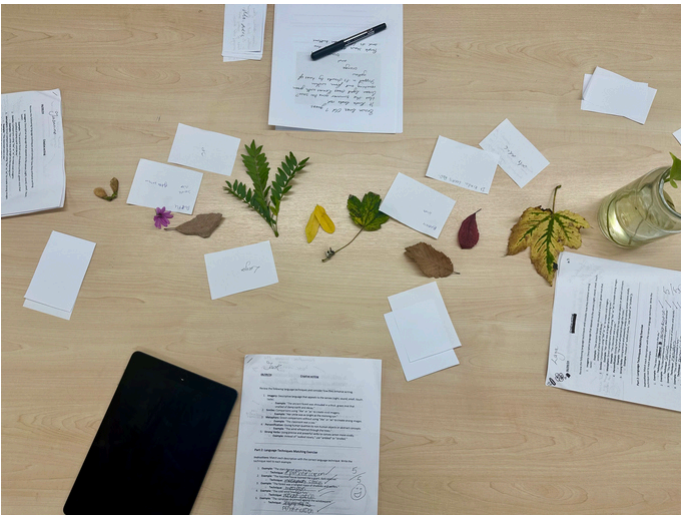
New staff

We have been delighted to welcome new staff to our Chesterton community this term. Each week we will introduce some of the new members of our team so watch this space!

AP Update

Alternative provision students refreshing their creative writing knowledge.

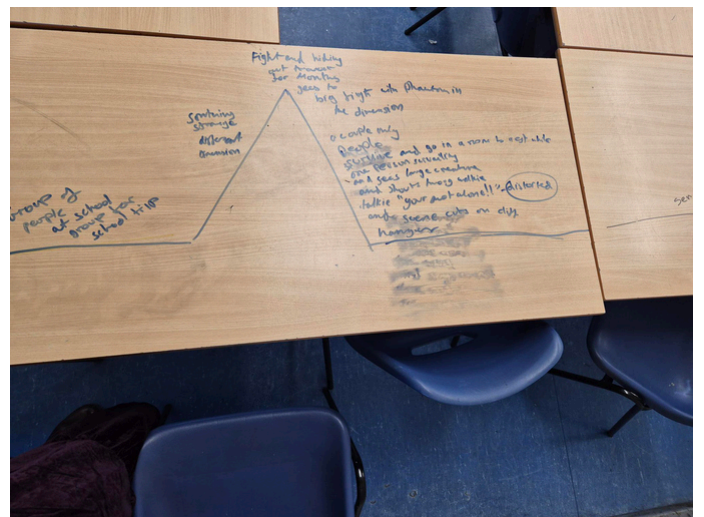
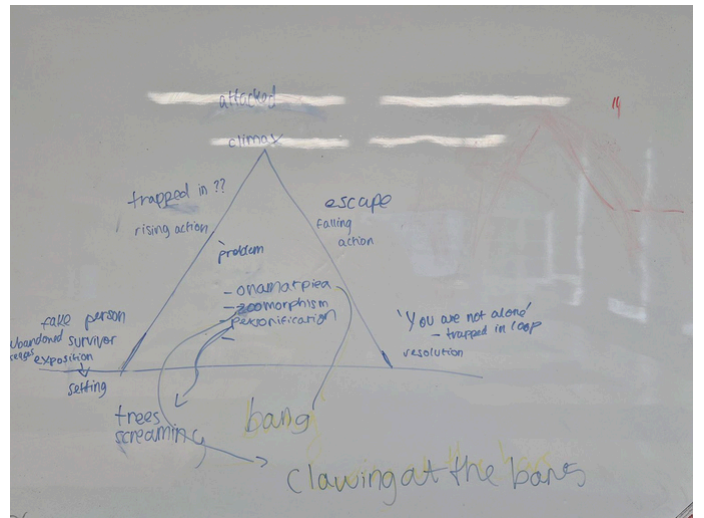
After going for a walk outside to collect items that signify summer's end, students used their writing skills to describe the items without naming them, allowing others to then guess what had been described.



The students then combined their ideas to write a collaborative poem.

English Department

"I've been so pleased to get to know such an enthusiastic, interested and interesting cohort of students during my first week as an ECT. I've also been so lucky to hear the students' intelligent thoughts on poetry and feminism during our lessons on Carol Ann Duffy. We've had enormous diagrams all over the tables to plot our narrative writing, an interview with Richard III, campfire mythmaking in the playground, and leaving the classroom following their own stage directions!" - Mila



Year 8 Students Embrace Adventure at Ullswater with Outward Bound

This week, twelve Year 8 students embarked on an exciting adventure to Ullswater in the Lake District to take part in an Outward Bound course. Surrounded by stunning scenery, the group participated in a range of challenging activities designed to push their limits and help them develop new skills.

Despite mixed weather conditions, the students displayed remarkable grit and determination throughout their outdoor pursuits. Their teamwork and kindness shone through, as they cheered each other on and offered to help carry heavy rucksacks up steep terrain.

Highlights of the trip included mountain climbing, scrambling up rivers, and a key expedition that involved hiking to a scenic viewpoint, where the students camped overnight and cooked their own meals. The following morning, they made their way back down the mountain before rowing across the lake to return to the center.

Well done to all the students for their hard work, resilience, and teamwork during this memorable adventure!



Musical Theatre Club Is off to a Showstopping Start!

Chesterton Youth Theatre was delighted to begin its extra-curricular programme for drama last Thursday with a table reading of 'Lord of the Flies', starring some truly superb Year 9 actors, and then, to welcome 75 members to our first MT Club on Tuesday! This has to be one of the most popular and lively clubs in the College, and it is wonderful to see so many new faces in attendance from Year 7 and above.

Mr Cooper is planning his new production of 'Finding Nemo' in association with the club, and he was excited to see the stream of talent swimming its way into this show! It's not too late to join MT Club if you weren't able to attend last week – you can still join next week by simply turning up and giving it a try! Meanwhile, well done to the handful of Year 7 actors who were selected from audition to play Litluns in 'Lord of the Flies': we are sure you will bring a poignant extra dimension to the production!

Anyone in Year 7 and 8 can also come along to Improvisation Club on Fridays 3.15 – 4.15pm in the drama studio, where we will play drama games, make friends, try acting exercises and generally, make things up as we go along! There is nothing quite like the buzz of performance, so get involved, join the party, show off your skills and share what you love!

Between the Bars presents

FUN HOME

Music by Jeanine Tesori

Book and lyrics by Lisa Kron

Based on the graphic novel by Alison Bechdel



THE TONY AWARD-WINNING MUSICAL

This amateur production of Fun Home is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd
www.concordtheatricals.co.uk

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THEATRE

TUE 24 - SAT 28 SEPTEMBER 2024

7.45PM SAT 28 SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 2.30PM

TICKETS: TUE-THU £12-£16, FRI-SAT £14-£18

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FUN HOME

When her father dies unexpectedly, graphic novelist Alison dives deep into her past to tell the story of the volatile, brilliant, one-of-a-kind man whose temperament and secrets defined her family and her life.

Moving between past and present, Alison relives her unique childhood playing at the family's Bechdel Funeral Home, her growing understanding of her own sexuality, and the looming, unanswerable questions about her father's hidden desires.

Winner of five Tony Awards including Best Musical and Best Original Score, Fun Home is a refreshingly honest, original musical about seeing your parents through grown up eyes.

"Easily the finest theatre score in a decade"

- Steven Suskin, HuffPost

Praise for the original Broadway production



Year 6 Open Evening

3rd October 5 - 7pm





Music Department Extra-Curricular Timetable – Autumn 2024



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school 8.10-8.40am	Year 8-13 Steel Pans Miss Wilson M1	Cello Group* All years Miss Wilson M1	Junior Choir Years 7 and 8 Miss Wilson M1	Samba Band All years Miss Wilson M1	Year 7 Steel Pans Miss Wilson/Dr Kirk M1
			Folk Fiddle Band All years Ms Veryard M2		Folk Fiddle Band All years Ms Veryard M2
Break 10.50-11.10am	Recorder Group All years M2			Flute Group All years M2	
Lunch 12.10-12.30pm or 1-1.20pm			Year 7, 10 and 11 Ukuleles and Guitars Dr Kirk M1	Year 8 and 9 Ukuleles and Guitars Dr Kirk M1	
After school 3.05-4.00pm	Jazz Band All years Dr Kirk M1	Band Project All years Meet in music foyer	Orchestra** All years Miss Wilson 3.05-4.30pm M1		Senior Choir Years 9-13 Miss Wilson 3.05-4.15pm M1
	Music Technology Club All years Miss Wilson M3				Chesterton Singers*** Years 9-13 Mr Bond 4.30-5.15pm M1

*Cello group will start in October to prepare for the carol service.

**If you are coming to orchestra and need to leave early or arrive after P7 that is fine.

***If you would like to be a member of Chesterton Singers (Chamber Choir) you must be a member of Senior Choir.



**Year 8 Students
at Ullswater**