Chesterton Blog 20th September 2024



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

Year 7 Live Lounge

On Thursday 10th October, after school, we are hosting our first Live Lounge of the year.

This is an opportunity for Year 7 students only to play or sing a piece of music to a friendly audience. Any instrument, style or genre is welcome.

The concert will be held in M1 at 3.45pm and families are also welcome to attend.

Drinks and biscuits will be provided!

Any students who would like to perform should sign up on the sheet on the music office door as soon as possible. We look forward to hearing lots of brilliant performances!

Year 7 Archery Club

Our new year 7 archery club is up and running which follows on from a fantastic provision that was set up at primary school. It was great to see 15 year 7 students attend this week with lots of targets being hit!

Church Choir

The choir of Great St Mary's (The University Church) currently have space for a girl chorister in Year 7, and Year 8. Information about being a chorister is attached.

They also have spaces for altos (male and female), tenors and basses in their new and growing Youth Choir. More information about that can be found on the church website here.

Homework Club Welcomes All

Homework Club welcomed 50 students so far in our first week, with numbers between 5 and 16 at any given time. Any student is welcome to the Library between 3:05 and 4pm any day of the week. Year 7 were particularly keen in their first week and we hope more will use our support.

This is an opportunity for anyone who likes to get their homework done in plenty of time to sit quietly, either alone or with friends, with teachers on hand to help as needed.

Homework assignments are on EduLink. One goal this term is that nobody runs late meeting their deadlines.

We have a biscuit tin and students are welcome to bring a drink.

Mrs von Schreiber is leading this club, if you have any questions - nvonschreiber@ccc.tela.org.uk

Chesterton Actors Meet the PM as He Announces New Curriculum Plan!

Holly and Sam (year 11), Charlie and Laurie (year 10) and former student Bill (now at drama school) were privileged to represent National Youth Music Theatre in a performance at the Holocaust Educational Trust Dinner, held at the Raffles Hotel in London on Monday evening. Whilst the students performed a song entitled 'We are the light', on the same stage, Sir Keir made a speech detailing that all British students will now learn about the Holocaust in school, thanks to a new curriculum from his government. Six other members of the Cabinet attended the event, and the students also got to spend time with a survivor of the Holocaust, Janine, who is now 92.

Laurie said "She told us her life story, including when she was nine and saw her brother shot by the SS and buried alive. It was harrowing but so important to hear, and has made me think how vital it is that this is something everyone knows about. She also inspired me because even at her age, she goes for a long walk every morning, making the most of life". Janine, along with the other VIPs, warmly congratulated our students for their performance, and they were wowed by the grandeur of the hospitality! In total, 15 performers made up NYMT's ensemble on the night; the fact that a third of them were from Chesterton is staggering!

Sincere congratulations to our young actors; let's hope that the new Holocaust Education plan brings peace, compassion and empathy to future generations!







Rugby Season Kicks Off with Exciting Cluster Fixture Against IVC

The rugby season is officially underway, and next week our boys' and girls' teams will face off in their first cluster fixture against our neighbours, Impington Village College.
Wishing them all the best of luck - let's kick off the season with a strong performance! Go team!

Year 9 Students Dive Into Creative Movement with Haka Dance

It's been a great start to our new Creative Movement schemes of learning where we are incorporating dance for KS3 learners - a few year 9 students created their own Haka Dance which was extremely creative and inspiring! There is talk of a Haka performance for Open Evening so watch this space...





Year 6 Open Evening

3rd October 5 – 7pm





Could your child sing in Great St Mary's Choir?

Great St Mary's Choir is looking to recruit **two boys in Year 5 and a girl in Year 7**. Places may also be able to children in other year groups.

Great St Mary's choristers receive a **free**, **first-class musical education**. Rehearsals take place on Tuesdays (4.45-6pm) and Thursdays (4.45-6pm) after school. During choir practices, children receive **tuition in singing**, **musicianship** and **music theory** from a team of professional musicians. Full choristers sing services on Sundays during school term, and at Christmas and Easter. The choir **tours annually** in the UK or abroad, and does several social trips throughout the year. Choristers receive a small amount of **pocket money** each term to thank them for their commitment to the choir.

Entry to the choir is by simple informal audition. At this stage we look for potential: many of our choristers come to us with no prior musical experience. To find out more, please be in touch with Alex Berry, Director of Music (alexb@gsm.cam.ac.uk).

