

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 Christmas Performances

We are delighted that over 90 members of our choirs are taking part in the Gabrieli Roar 'Grand Georgian Christmas' Concert Tour at Ely Cathedral on Friday 29th November. This is set to be a great performance. Very limited tickets are available from the Cathedral website.

This year we are again hosting local senior citizens for the Senior Citizens' Entertainment on **Wednesday 4th December**. This is a festive afternoon of music provided by our larger school ensembles and choirs. If you know any local senior citizens who may like to come to this special event then please do invite them. Booking is essential; please see the image below for further information. We are afraid we can only accommodate senior citizens and their carers at this event.

Finally, our annual school carol service is taking place on Thursday 12th December - details to follow before half term to families of those involved - and we will have some festive music performances on site for students to enjoy.

Lots going on in the music department!

Chesterton performers take on Guys & Dolls!

Florence and Mila from Year 9, and Laurie from Year 10, are excited to be performing 'Guys & Dolls' at the Great Hall, the Leys School, Cambridge, from Wednesday 30th October - Saturday 2nd November. This classic musical based on Damon Runyan's short stories set in a mythical New York City is a must-see! In fact, last spring, Chesterton Youth Theatre went as a school party to watch the celebrated, immersive production currently running at the Bridge Theatre, London: an experience which left everyone whistling the tunes and tapping their toes! With numbers like 'Luck Be A Lady Tonight' and 'Sit Down You're Rockin' the Boat' who wouldn't want to sing along?!

It will be a hard task to match up to the London production, but Cambridge Theatre Company are keen to rise to the challenge and have a strong reputation for pulling off big shows with high production values and skilful flair! The students auditioned for the show last summer and were thrilled to be cast alongside other young actors from across the region, with Mila and Florence representing the youngest cast members within this dazzlingly talented ensemble aged 13 - 19 years.

They've been rehearsing intensively since the end of August, and would love friends and families from Chesterton to come and support them, with Laurie playing the romantic male lead: gambler Sky Masterson. You can **book tickets here**, so if you're free and around over the half-term, roll the dice and head to the theatre!



CSF Programme trip to Churchill College

Several students from Y12 and the CSF Programme students of Y11 from Chesterton, Littleport and Wichford took part in an aspirational day hosted by Churchill College. The purpose of the trip was to gain an insight into what life is like at a Cambridge College, the supervision style of learning as well as an opportunity to meet current students. Students were able to interview these students with lots of questions on how best to approach the application process and the kinds of activities they could be doing now and during their sixth form in order to start building their profile. The day proved an interactive and informative day and it was fantastic to see all the students engaging so well in the different activities.



Early entry

We are thrilled to have supported a number of students for early entry including applications to Oxbridge for subjects such as history, politics, engineering, Egyptology, as well as medicine. They have all worked tirelessly to date in building their profiles, in turn producing very impressive applications; we now wish them the best of luck for the next steps.

Live Lounge

Well done to all our Year 7 performers who gave a great first Live Lounge concert of the year last Thursday. We heard a great variety of both vocal and instrumental performances. Thank you to those students involved and also to the families who supported the Live Lounge!

On Thursday 7th November at 3.45pm we have our next Live Lounge open to all year groups. All students are welcome to perform a piece on their instrument or voice to a friendly audience. Solos and small group items are welcome. Interested students should sign up as soon as possible on the music office door.

Miranda!

Fresh off their blistering performance at The Junction in September, our very talented Y10 band, Miranda, is back to headline their own show! Join Aran, Leila, Manuela, Theo, and Tristan for an unforgettable afternoon of live music on Saturday, 2nd November at 12pm.

Expect a dynamic set of original tracks alongside an exciting mix of pop-rock covers. Whether you're a long-time fan or new to their music, this promises to be a lively event filled with energy, great tunes, and a chance to socialise with fellow music lovers!

Date/Time

Saturday, 2nd November, 12pm–2pm
Venue: The Portland Arms

Tickets

£3.65 (+ booking fee) available [here](#).

U14 Boys' Football Team Advances to Quarter Finals of the County Cup with Big Win!

Our U14 boys' football team had a great win against Sawtry Village College in the 2nd round of the County Cup! The team pulled off a huge result and are now through to the Quarter Finals. Great job!



Kicking Off Chesterton's Cross Country Competitions

Cross Country is a vital part of the Physical Education curriculum, encouraging students to challenge themselves and improve their cardiovascular fitness and endurance. This week, we kick off Chesterton's Cross Country Competitions, where students will run and earn points for their houses in the Inter-house competition. Those who excel will have a chance to compete in the District Cross Country on December 5th 2024, at Netherhall. Good luck to everyone!

In Focus

Year 10 GCSE Photography students took part in an exciting photoshoot, creating portraits inspired by the legendary David Bailey. Known for his bold, high-contrast black-and-white photography, Bailey's work served as a perfect starting point for students to explore creative lighting, composition, and portraiture techniques.

The results are stunning, with each student adding their unique flair to this classic style.





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Directional
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Self portraits

Year 9 have been learning the graphite transfer
technique and exploring directional shading.

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**Guys & Dolls
Rehearsal**



**Chesterton
Sixth Form**
Empowering minds

Open Evening

22nd October 18:00 – 20:00

The Directors of Sixth Form
will be delivering a short
presentation at **18:20**, then
again at **19:10**.

Join us at our open
evening on the **22nd
October**, where we
will be showcasing
why our fantastic
provision makes us
so unique.



Book now!

- Meet students to discuss the Chesterton Sixth Form experience
- Talk to staff about the diverse and broad range of A level subjects offered at Chesterton Sixth Form
- Tour of the Sixth Form, visiting our great facilities and environment
- Hear from the Directors of Sixth Form about our provision and mantra 'empowering minds'
- Experience our unique approach to A level teaching and learning

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SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

Wednesday 4th December

Arrivals from 1.30pm

Music from 1.45-3.20pm

Chesterton Community College,
Gilbert Road

Local senior citizens are warmly welcomed to an afternoon of music provided by the Chesterton Community College Music Department. There will be the opportunity to listen to musical items and enjoy some seasonal refreshments.

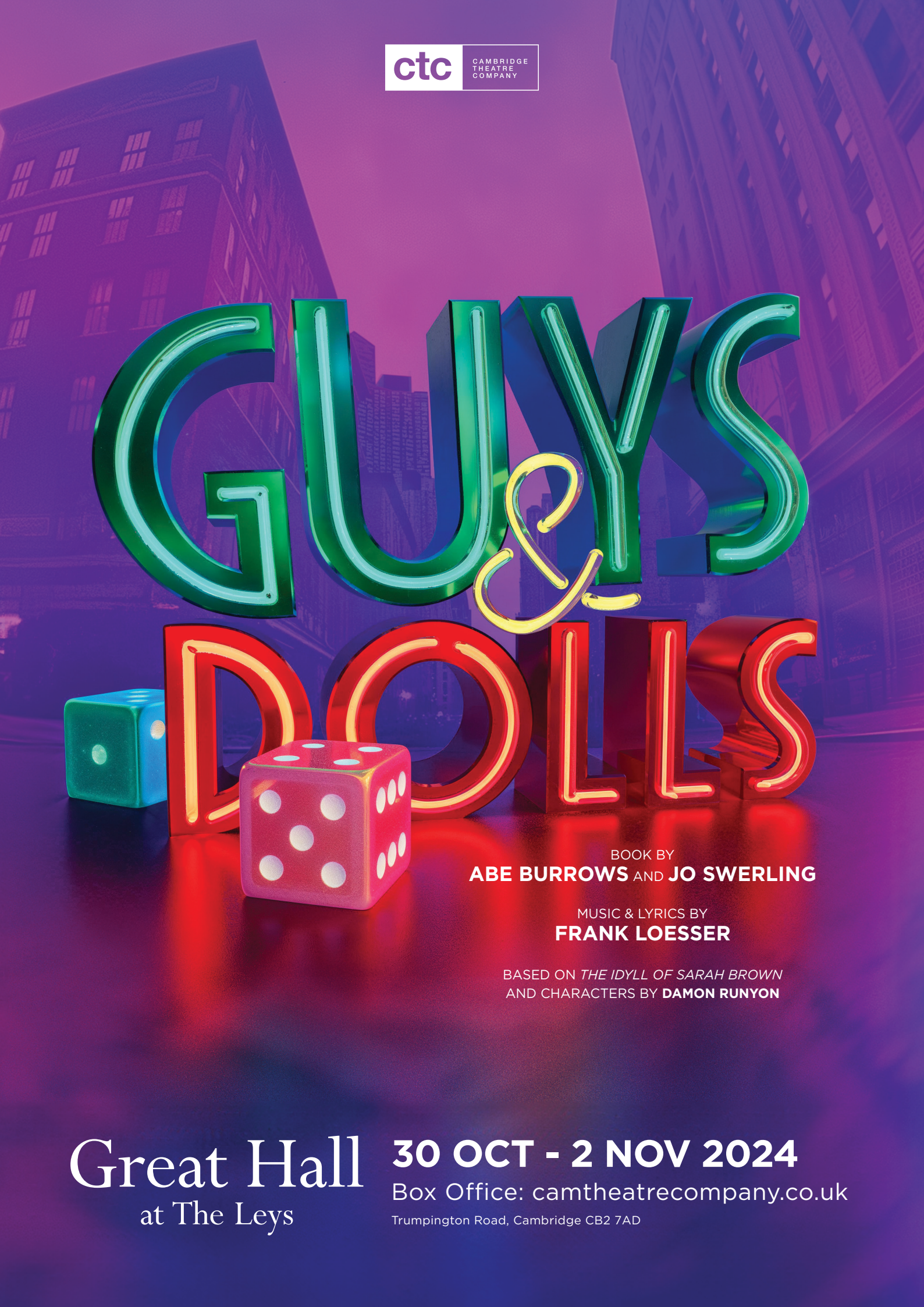
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GUYS & DOLLS

BOOK BY
ABE BURROWS AND JO SWERLING

MUSIC & LYRICS BY
FRANK LOESSER

BASED ON *THE IDYLL OF SARAH BROWN*
AND CHARACTERS BY **DAMON RUNYON**

Great Hall
at The Leys

30 OCT - 2 NOV 2024

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