

# Chesterton Blog

4<sup>th</sup> October 2024



## Chesterton Sixth Form

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

## Tote-ally Creative

In Tote-ally Quote-ally: An Inspector Calls, pupils used their knowledge of key moments from J.B. Priestley's *An Inspector Calls* to create unique tote bags that showcase important quotes, themes, and motifs from the play. Each pupil selected a significant quote or moment, linked it to a major theme or symbol, and designed their tote bag to creatively represent this connection. Through this hands-on activity, pupils revised key ideas from the play in a fun and artistic way, while deepening their understanding of its key messages and concepts.



We are excited to announce that we have a number of students in the final stages of their preparation to apply for Oxbridge or Medicine for next year and wanted to reach out to see if you could offer any support with interview practice. We would love to expand our early entry programme and would like to invite you to be part of it!

If you have any experience of studying medicine, or Oxbridge experience in the subject areas of, engineering, history, politics, Egyptology or natural science, and would be willing to help, **please do get in touch**. We would love to hear from you!

## PTA Update

Chesterton Community College PTA is delighted to invite Year 7 parents & carers and parents & carers new to the school to meet each other for an informal evening of drink, nibbles, and chatter.

The event will be held in the **School Library on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> of October from 6 pm until 8 pm** (at the same time as the Year 7 Halloween Disco!) and will be a chance to catch up with old friends and acquaintances from primary school playground days and meet other new parents from across the catchments and also, those new to Cambridge. Established members of the PTA and parents who have been at the school for some time, will be there to welcome you, introduce the PTA, and answer any questions you might have about the school.

Please **book your free entry ticket/s here** (so that we have an idea of the numbers attending). Drinks and nibbles will be complimentary, but there will be buckets at the door (and SumUp machines!) for donations. All donations go towards opportunities, projects, and equipment that enhance the quality of all students' experiences while at Chesterton.

## Balancing Skills and Fire Making Fun

Over the past few weeks, the Slackline and Adventure Group has been hard at work learning and practicing new outdoor skills. Many students have taken on the challenge of walking the slackline without a support line, putting their balance and focus to the test. Alongside these activities, the group has also started working on their fire-making skills, with roasted marshmallows and freshly popped popcorn!



## Year 12's visit the Zoology Museum

As part of Year 12 enrichment, a group of us went on an outing to the Zoology Museum in the centre of Cambridge. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed learning about creatures past and present.



## Chesterton Year 13 and Year 11 trip to parliament

Last Friday, Chesterton A level and GCSE students visited the Houses of Parliament. We were very fortunate in securing a place last year for a free school visit to the Houses of Parliament which included a tour of both the House of Commons and House of Lords, also other key parts of The Palace of Westminster. Due to parliament being in recess for party conferences were given unrestricted access to all areas which the students found incredibly fascinating.

During the tour we were informed that our workshop was to be delivered by Baroness Garden of Frognal. A Liberal democrat peer who led the first part of our workshop and provided a very honest and unfiltered account of her views on recent political events and former prime ministers. The last part of the workshop saw students break into groups to form parties for a snap election.

Some of the parties formed were Suns and Roses, Welfare UK and the Francois Liberation Party. After a very good hustings a secret ballot was called, and the winners were the Francois Liberation Party. Our workshop coordinator was highly impressed by the knowledge students had of politics from their school studies and their public speaking abilities.

We look forward after the success of the trip to more visits to parliament in the coming years !



## Progression Evening

Y11 students, parents and carers are invited to attend the annual Progression Evening on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October from 6pm until 7.30 pm. During the evening, most providers, schools and colleges from Post-16 will be there to talk to you, present their offer and answer any question you may have. It is always well attended and helps regardless of your situation : whether you have a clear idea about next year already, or if you are feeling a bit lost, this event is for you! Hope to see you all there and then!



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Sixth Form**  
Empowering minds

# Open Evening

**22<sup>nd</sup> 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 **22<sup>nd</sup> 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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