

Chesterton Blog

7th March 2025



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 half term.

Rolf Purvis
Executive Headteacher

Congestion Charge Questionnaire

Students working on a Politics & Citizenship in Action project are researching congestion charges and alternative solutions. To support their work, they need input from parents through a **short survey here!**

Inter-House Pancake Flipping Competition

This week, lots of students gathered on the playground for the inter-house pancake flipping competition during break time. Congratulations to Robinson House who emerged victorious, showcasing their impressive pancake flipping skills.

A special thank you goes out to the Year 10 students who supported the running of the event.

Congratulations to Robinson House and well done to everyone who participated. The points contribute to the over all inter-house competition.

Year 9 Navigation Club

A new Navigation Club has started in Year 9, giving pupils the chance to sharpen their map-reading. Most of the students are using this as part of the skills section for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. They've already explored various map types, practised identifying features on a guided walk around the school. Next they will be working on measuring distances, orientating maps, and preparing for outdoor practice sessions.



CAMBRIDGE UNDERGRADUATE CONFERENCE IN GERMAN STUDIES

On Saturday 1st March, two of our Y13s currently studying A level German had the fantastic opportunity to attend the Cambridge Undergraduate Conference for German Studies at St Catherine's College, Cambridge.

Throughout the day, they engaged with a range of thought-provoking sessions. They listened to undergraduate speakers present on topics such as Cultural and National Identity, participated in a creative translation workshop, and attended a career panel exploring professions that use German and other languages.

As always, our students represented Chesterton exceptionally, fully immersing themselves in the experience and making the most of this valuable opportunity!

Here's what the students said about the day:

"I particularly enjoyed hearing the presentations on attitudes towards East German art in the West, and the depiction of Ottoman Turks in popular art forms in early modern Germany. The former because of its relevance and new perspective on topics I study in both German and History A-level, and the latter for being an area of history I haven't studied at all before. The other presentations were also very interesting, with a wide variety of topics, ranging from linguistic trends to Jewish and medieval theatre. The creative translation workshop was another highlight for me, as it is a skill the A-level curriculum doesn't allow us to practise, so it was really fun to approach a text from a different perspective to usual, especially since it was a piece of poetry rather than prose, trying to convey things like rhythm and rhyme in English. The whole day was an inspiring experience, filled with passionate, interesting people, and lots of learning!" - Janos

"For me, the most interesting part of the day was the careers panel before lunch, where a group of speakers explained their current positions and how they relate to their experiences learning languages – with some being directly linked, and others instead transferring their learned skills into other professions. As someone who is interested in studying languages further, this was a very useful part of the day for me, as it showed me clearly the variety of fields my studies could take me in the future after university." - Harry

Join Us for the Annual Iftar Gathering

Every year we hold an iftar gathering at school during Ramadan. This is a great opportunity for Muslim students to teach others a little more about their faith and to share a community meal. Everyone of any religious, or non-religious, worldview is very welcome to attend. We ask that you bring a dish of food with you to share – this should be halal, vegetarian or vegan and must not contain nuts. Students who wish to attend should sign up using the link on Teams by 3pm on Tuesday 11th March.

Year 10 vs Year 11 Football match at Chesterton

We had a GCSE PE football showcase event this Friday where a year 10 cohort played against a year 11 cohort. It was a great game with some excellent football on show - the year 11 team came out victorious with a 2-0 win. All students are really enjoying the GCSE PE course and are making good progress with all components.

Year 7 Clubs going strong with great attendance!

Year 7 extracurricular clubs continue to thrive with fantastic attendance! Each week, more students join the Thursday after-school netball club, while Tuesdays see a strong mix of experienced and new players at football. Last Wednesday, the boys' team competed in a cluster fixture against Impington - more training will be key to securing a win in the next match!

Year 9 Netball team secures a big win against Impington

The Year 9 netball team faced Impington Village College in their latest match, with eight players stepping up to represent the squad. Their hard work in Tuesday's after-school training sessions really paid off, leading to a solid win!

Anna, Violetta, and Sophia were on fire, scoring a massive 30 goals between them. Freya and Suzie (wing Attack and wing defence) made great use of space, leaving the IVC defenders exhausted. Ellie's passing and decision-making were next level, while Beth and Ella's height and defensive skills kept IVC to just 7 goals.

Netball season is well underway, and we can't wait to see what this team brings to the District Tournament.



Athens Trip 2025

Some of our Y11s, Y12s and Y13s went on a joint Classics & Philosophy trip to Athens this February half term!

We had a fabulous few days in Greece. On day 1, we left their airport and straightaway visited the Temple of Poseidon at Sounion. We were treated to glorious sunshine, as the sun shone over the cliff on which the temple was perched. Students had a chance to wander the ruins, some sketched the temple, some took photographs and others just enjoyed the fantastic views.

On day 2, we had a drizzly day at Delphi but were not put off by the rain - instead, it added to the mystery and allure of the site! Students got a guided tour of the museum and of the sacred precinct of Delphi itself. It was pleasing to see not only how students engaged in the tour, but also how independent they were when exploring Delphi at lunch time - all students ate in a restaurant or cafe of their choosing, and I know many had delicious food that day! In the evening, some students had fun having their 'prophecies' read by the Delphic oracle cards we bought in Delphi.

On our final full day in Athens, we explored the Acropolis of Athens and Acropolis museum on a beautiful sunny day. Again, our tour guide was so knowledgeable and vividly portrayed how ancient people would have lived amongst these impressive monuments. We finished the day off with a round of ice cream and some souvenir shopping.

On our last morning, we spent a sunny hour at the Kerameikos, a lesser visited archaeological site containing a cemetery. Some students (and budding archaeologists!) got particularly excited over sherds of pottery they found on the ground!

Throughout the trip, our students were a real credit to the school, with several people remarking to me how proud we must be of such a lovely bunch of young people - thank you to all our students for making this trip so smooth! Thanks also go to Mr Reed for being such a great sport during the trip, and to Ms Barker for all her support in getting this trip off the ground.

The Classics department is looking forward to their next trip to Italy in May.

Stunning Lino Prints in the Making!

In art club the students have been designing and making lino prints. Working on different papers and on collaged backgrounds they have produced some stunning designs.





Over February half term, Y11, Y12, and Y13 students enjoyed an inspiring Classics & Philosophy trip to Athens, exploring ancient sites and immersing themselves in Greek history.

**Artwork of
the Week!**



Matt Austin

Year 13

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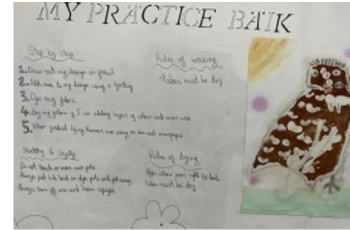
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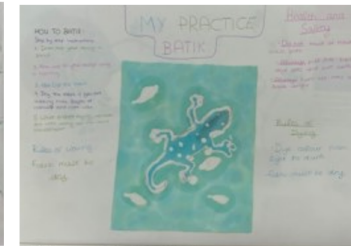
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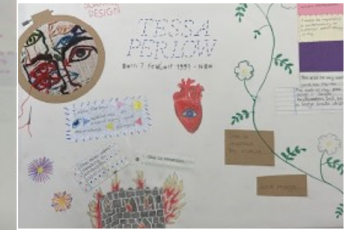
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Josh Clark

Chesterton Community College Iftar Gathering 2025

- 5.30pm Gather in the Dining Hall
- 5.40pm Welcome - Dr Hutchinson
- 5.45pm Why is Ramadan so special? - Miss Ahmed and students
Why do Muslims fast during Ramadan? - Miss Ahmed and students
- 5.55pm Muslim guests - individual prayer (dua)
- 6.04pm Breaking fast with dates and water
- 6.10pm Call to prayer
- 6.15pm Communal prayer in the Auditorium led by Mr Alam*
- 6.25pm Shared meal

* The prayer is only for Muslims.
Please bring your own prayer mat.
Other guests should observe.

