

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

Six-th form takes the West End by storm

This week, 21 Chesterton Sixth Form students journeyed to the Vaudeville Theatre in London. They experience the West End production of Six, a musical retelling of the story behind the wives of Henry VIII.

A great time was had by all, especially during the encore when the audience was encouraged to sing and dance along with the cast. Despite their enthusiasm and enjoyment, nobody lost their head, and all students survived to sing another day.

Year 10 GCSE Photography Students Explore Shutter Hub Exhibition at Cambridge

Following their exam on Monday, Year 10 GCSE Photography students visited the Shutter Hub exhibition on Friday 21 March at the University of Cambridge's Alison Richard Building.

Students were impressed by the variety of work represented and fitted in time for their own photoshoots before returning to school



Mirada Reaches the Final of the Cambridge Band Competition!

We are thrilled to share that Mirada, our talented Year 10 band, has secured a place in the final of the Cambridge Band Competition U18s! The final will take place at The Portland Arms on Saturday, 29th March, from 12:30pm onwards.



This is a fantastic achievement, and we would love to see as much support as possible from our school community. Come along and cheer them on as they compete against the best young bands in the region!

Tickets can be **purchased here!**

Additionally, you can listen to their **interview here**, where they were featured and gave some great shout-outs to our school and our fantastic Music Department.

Celebrating German Week

On Friday 21st March, Chesterton students participated in German Week. This nationwide celebration is organised by the Goethe-Institut, the German Embassy in London, and the German

Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and it aims to provide students with the opportunity to explore the German language and culture.

Chesterton students from all year groups spent their lunchtime engaging in a variety of exciting activities, including tasting German snacks, participating in language challenges, and learning about Germany's rich cultural history.

As fewer and fewer state schools in the UK are offering German as part of their curriculum, the opportunity that Chesterton students have to study German is increasingly unique. We offer German from Year 8 through to Year 13, so current Year 7 students will be able to begin studying German as an optional twilight subject from September 2025. More information will be provided about this in the summer term.

German Week was a fantastic opportunity for our students to connect with German language and culture, and we look forward to continuing to offer these exciting learning experiences in the future.



Year 12 Students Embark on Gold DofE Expedition Training

Last weekend, four of our dedicated Year 12 students took part in an exciting Gold Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) expedition training. The training was a fantastic opportunity for them to sharpen their skills in navigation, cooking, and putting up tents, all while learning essential safety measures.



The students demonstrated remarkable teamwork and resilience as they navigated through various challenges. Their enthusiasm and commitment were evident as they mastered the art of outdoor cooking and efficiently set up their tents, ensuring they were well-prepared for future expeditions.

Looking ahead, the group is set to embark on a practice expedition in the stunning Lake District during the summer term. This will be a valuable experience for them to apply their newly acquired skills in a real-world setting. Following this, they will head to North Wales in September for their assessed expedition, where they will put their training to the ultimate test.

Year 10 RS Class Explores Cambridge Mosque

This week, our Year 10 Religious Studies (RS) class had the unique opportunity to visit the Cambridge Mosque, an experience that was both educational and inspiring. The students were given an insightful tour, highlighting the key features of the mosque and its significance within the community.

During the visit, the students saw the mosque's stunning architecture, which beautifully blends traditional Islamic design with modern elements. They also had the chance to learn about the mosque's sustainable features, including its eco-friendly construction and energy-efficient systems.

The visit to Cambridge Mosque provided our students with a deeper understanding of Islamic culture and practices, enriching their RS curriculum.

We are grateful to Cambridge Mosque for hosting our students



Outstanding tournament success for Year 9 Netball and U12 Football teams!

Great sport results this week! The Year 9 netball team showed their skills at the Netball district tournament held at Netherhall, securing an impressive second place overall – well done to all the players!

Meanwhile, the U12 football team put on a fantastic performance at the District tournament hosted at Northstowe, finishing in a brilliant third place.

Congratulations to both teams on their outstanding achievements!

