

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

Great Start to the 2025 Athletics Season!

The first athletics match of the 2025 season took place on Wednesday at Bottisham, with seven schools taking part: Bottisham (host), Impington, Soham, North Cambridge, Cambourne, Swavesey, and Chesterton.

We're really excited to share that Chesterton came in 1st place! Soham finished 2nd, and Bottisham took 3rd.

In the past, Chesterton athletes have mostly dominated in field events, but after some great training, we're now seeing strong performances on the track too. We won across all categories—Year 8 and Year 10 boys and girls—which is an amazing achievement!

Other schools even complimented our relay teams for their smooth and skillful changeovers. Our runners showed great teamwork and communication.

A big shoutout to Chris K from Year 10, who kicked off the relay with an amazing first leg, giving the team a great head start. Eric, the final runner, brought it home with a huge lead over the other teams.

Great work everyone!

Ecology Field Trip

On Monday and Tuesday, the Y12 Biologists were off timetable learning about ecological sampling. They conducted two studies on plant biodiversity at Fulbourn Fen SSSI, joint with students from the Cambridge Maths School, and demonstrated some impressive plant ID skills!



Sixth Form Update

It was great to welcome back Maya who came to speak to our Y12s about her time at Chesterton and how she has fared in her first year reading History at York. It was a lovely opportunity for our students to hear first hand examples and advice of how best to make the most of their remaining term before things start to get more serious in Y13 and also share some insights to university life. This comes as our Y12 begin to start planning and drafting their personal statements.



This week we are also very excited to be jetting back to Kenya to continue our work with the amazing Nakuru Children's Project. Our students, quite rightly are incredibly excited and we look forward to updating you next week!

We wish all of our Y13s who are now well underway with their exams the very best of luck. They have worked incredibly hard this year and we look forward to celebrating together when they finish.

Fitzwilliam Art Visit

Year 10 fine art students enjoyed a thoughtful morning at the Fitzwilliam museum. They visited the Rise Up exhibition which explores the fight to end the British slave trade through historic artworks, artefacts and contemporary artwork. They also visited the museums painting galleries. Students made drawings and took notes to inspire their new project on the theme Event.



U/15 Boys District Cup Football Success!

We hosted the U/15 Boys District Cup Quarter Final last Thursday where we faced a strong Bottisham side. Chesterton raced into a 2 goal lead after 10 minutes with Dylan scoring both goals after two fine assists from Rumi. The team played with great pride and desire and were in control for large parts of the match however Bottisham came into the game towards the end returning two quick fire goals in the last 5 minutes taking the game to penalties! The shootout had everything - amazing goalkeeper saves, crossbars rattled, and some fantastic penalties. Chesterton eventually won 7-6 on penalties and will face St Bede's in the semi-final.

Athletics Update – What a Week!

It's been another awesome week of Athletics! KS3 students took on two events each in PE lessons—Rashford and Root groups were busy with the 800m and Javelin, while Housby and Hemp worked on 100m sprints and Long/Triple Jump. For some Year 7s, it was their first time trying out these events, which was great to see!

Interest in Athletics is really picking up—we hit another record with over 100 students at Athletics Club last Tuesday!

Coming up next: Wednesday 21st May is the turn of Year 7 and Year 9, as they take on seven other schools in a home athletics match on our field. We've got a feeling there are some new personal bests just around the corner!

Keep training hard and having fun!

