

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

We've done it again!

First place for Chesterton in the Year 7 & Year 9 Athletics match at Bottisham!

Huge shoutout to our amazing Year 7 and Year 9 athletes who smashed it at Bottisham on Wednesday after school. The sun was shining, the conditions were perfect, and our students delivered some seriously impressive performances!

Athletics might be about individual events, but it's the team effort that really makes the difference, everyone stepping up, filling events, and giving it their all to earn points for the team and the school.

Top 3 schools:

- 3rd – Swavesey: 374.5
- 2nd – Soham: 407
- 1st – Chesterton: 463.5

We've taking part in all four matches (2 for Years 7 & 9 and 2 for Years 8 & 10) and winning every one! But the biggest challenge is still to come... Next Thursday 19th June is the Jubilee Cup, the biggest athletics event of the year, with the top 10 schools in the district battling it out. Last year we came second... but this year, we're going for the win!

Last training session on Tuesday, let's give it everything we've got!



Bash 25

On Friday 4th of July, 2025 from 6 pm until 9.30 pm, the school will open its doors to Parents, Friends, Staff, Students, and Siblings for a summer evening of chatter, music, food, student stalls, and much more.

Entry Tickets cost £6.00 for adults and £4 for students and their siblings. Teachers go FREE!

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/chestertonpta/1701272>

Tickets sell out fast, so BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.

It had become tradition at past Bashes for students to let their talents run wild and run Student Stalls and Summer Fete Games – we're counting on them to make it the best Bash ever! So if you have a young entrepreneur in the family who would like to raise funds for the school, please encourage them to get involved! Past stalls have included a chocolate fountain; video game station; snail race, soak the student, nerf gun comp and a myriad of homemade crafts and consumables!

Any student interested in running a stall, please get in touch with khicks@ccc.tela.org.uk

We look forward to seeing what they come up with this year.

Many thanks in advance for your support and involvement.

Best wishes,

The PTA Committee

Support Sustainable Education – Donate a Box of Books

As part of our commitment to sustainability and global citizenship, we are clearing out a collection of over 2000 old science textbooks. These books are still in excellent condition, but due to updates in the curriculum and rapid developments in science and technology, we can no longer use them in our lessons.

Rather than sending them to landfill, we're choosing a more environmentally responsible option—donating them to a charity that redistributes educational resources to schools in Africa. This not only gives the books a new life, but also helps reduce waste and supports access to education where it's most needed.

Each box of books costs around £4 to package and ship. If you would like to help extend the life of these valuable resources and promote sustainability, please consider sponsoring one or more boxes here: <https://pay.collectiv.com/donating-old-text-books-to-charity-76556>. Miss Siddall will be overseeing the sorting and delivery process.

Music department performances this weekend!

This weekend the music department has a host of engagements!

On Saturday lunchtime from 12-1.30pm, Folk Fiddle Band, Samba Band, Jazz Band and Year 9 Band Zero will all be playing to open the Chesterton Festival on the St Andrew's Rec.

On Saturday evening, the Folk Fiddle Band are also playing at Jesus Green Lido from 7pm.

On Sunday, the Junior Choir and Mirada are performing at the Corn Exchange for the Refugee Week concert with Michael Rosen; the concert begins at 4pm.

All are welcome to support these events and admission to all is free of charge.

Music lessons

A reminder that the deadline to sign up your child to begin instrumental/vocal lessons from September is Monday; please see the information sent from the music department for more details.

Sheets wanted!

Do you have any old sheets/dustsheets, paint trays or empty buckets? In Enrichment Week we are re-painting the music department steel pans and would appreciate donations of any of these to help us with the task. Please leave at reception marked for the attention of the music department, or students can bring directly to us. Thank you!

Creating Visual Texts in Year 7 English

In their English lessons this half-term, Year 7 are studying our 'Reading Visual Texts' unit. They are currently exploring how line, colour and composition have been used to make meaning and evoke empathy in 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan.

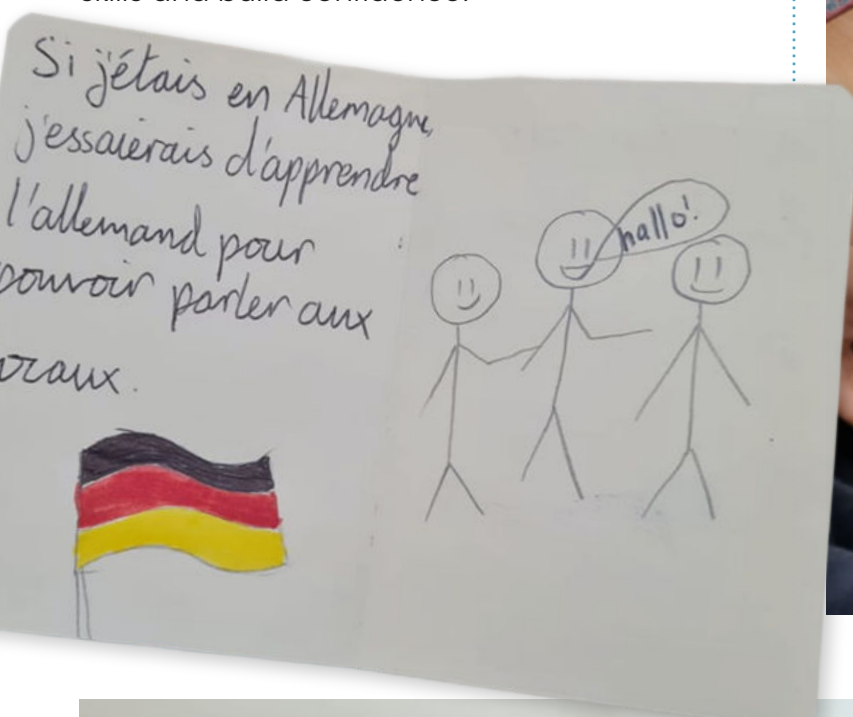
Using this beautiful text as inspiration, Miss Buxton's classes spent a lesson creating their own visual texts. Students were challenged to compose a visual representation of each of the central themes in the story: family, belonging, fear, journey, and displacement.

A great deal of thought went into the creation of these images - and the some of the outcomes were so powerful - that they just had to be shared! I think we have many budding photographers in our midst.



Year 10 Get Creative with French Story Time

This week, Year 10 enjoyed a fun and imaginative French lesson with a twist! The classroom was transformed into a nursery-style reading corner, complete with story time. We started off by reading a French children's book to the class and introducing the theme: "Si j'étais à Paris/Londres/etc., je ferais / j'irais." Inspired by the structure and language of the story, students then brainstormed their own ideas and created mini picture books using the same format. We wrapped up by gathering again to share and read our stories aloud — a brilliant way to practise language skills and build confidence!



PE Awards

Last Thursday, we held our very first PE Awards Evening, where we celebrated some of our amazing students for showing excellence in areas like leadership, sportsmanship, and commitment. A big thank you from the PE department to everyone who came along and helped make it such a special evening! It was a great way to kick off what we hope will become a yearly tradition of celebrating sport at Chesterton!

Here's the list of award winners:

Commitment to Extra- Curricular Sport

Kacper M, Mattis P, Setsen E, Sammi C, Thomas S, Hannah P

Sporting Champion

Ellie B, Emma C, Alicia W, Khai N

Outstanding Leadership Award

Samuel Blanchflower, Max Thorny, Emma Brett

Sports team of the Year: U14 Girls Football Win District Cup 2024

Imogen F, Suzie S, Maddy P, May I, Clara A, Paloma G, Ilazki Z, Ella G-W, Lola D, Olivia H-M, Yvet P, Esme R-R, Giang N, Mia W, Beth S, Ruby Z, Aleks L-M, Stella V-D

Year 10 Netball

Sophie K, Izzy T, Pippa B, Eleanor G, Ilazki Z, Tea M, Meli M, Yasmine L Z

Year 10 Boys athletics Team 2024

Omondi O, Idriis T, Alfie Q, Elijah E-K, Andrew P, Julius V-J, Elliott S-V, Finlay C, Robin N

Golden Moment Award

- Aleks L-M & Suzi S-Suzie made a crucial steal as we applied full-court pressure, before assisting Aleks on a game-winning lay up just as the buzzer sounded! Chesterton U 14 Basketball Team District Champions!
- Eric C- Save the day! Eric saves 2 penalties to allow Chesterton U/15 boys to progress to the semi-finals of the district cup!

- Rares C & Thomas S - Haka performance! Rares and Thomas led the Haka performance at Open Evening and smashed it!

Rising Star Award

Holly Y Y7, Cameron W-B Y7, Sam P Y8, Amelia B Y8

Coach's Choice Award

Ben Peck, Sophie Kistruck, Toke Olorunnowo

PE Academic Achievement Award

Clarisse van der Aa, Mona Hassan, Idriis Tabulo

2024/25 Athletics School Records

Griff M (year 7 cross-country), Hannah P (year 7 cross-country), Sam P (year 8 cross-country), AJ M (year 8 cross-country), Hamish C (year 9 cross-country), Hari B (year 9 cross-country record), Isla H & Amelia B (Year 8 High Jump), Aran P (year 9 boys Long Jump), Lilijana L-M (800, 1500m, LJ & TJ), Idriis T (year 10 boys long jump), Clarisse V (year 10 girls long jump), Teigan C-M (year 10 hurdles and TJ), Omondi O (Year 10 High Jump), Paloma G (year 10 High Jump)

Sports Person of 2025

Paloma Gordon

Sports Person of the Year 2025



Paloma Gordon
Year 10



Athletics School Records



Griff McDowall
Year 7



Hannah Percival
Year 7



Sam Parker
Year 8



Aeva-Jessica
Mensah
Year 8



Hamish Crichton
Year 9



Hari Banerjee
Year 9



Isla Hargreaves
Year 8



Amelia Beavitt
Year 8



Aran Peavoy
Year 10



Lilijana Liddell-
Mickovski
Year 10



Paloma Gordon
Year 10



Idriis Tabulo
Year 11



Clarisse van der
Aa
Year 11



Teigan Cameron-
McKee
Year 11



Omondi Owuor
Year 11



Outstanding Sports Teams of the Year U14 Girls Football Team 2023/24



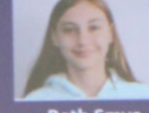
Esme Russell- Roberts
Year 9



Giang Nguyen
Year 9



Olivia Hancy Munoz
Year 9



Beth Smye
Year 9



Imogen Forster
Year 9



Suzie Slatter
Year 9



Aleks Liddell- Mickovski
Year 9



Mia Willman
Year 9



Ella Grogan Weyman
Year 9



Stella Vaezzadeh- Naderi
Year 9



Yvet Phippen
Year 9



Clara Antunes
Year 10



Ilazki Zelarain
Year 10



Lola Docherty
Year 10



Ruby Zeng
Year 10



Maddy Petersen
Year 10



May Ilsley
Year 10



Paloma Gordon
Year 10



Commitment to Extra-Curricular Sport



Kasper McDowall
Year 7



Mathis Powell
Year 7



Sammi Chan
Year 8



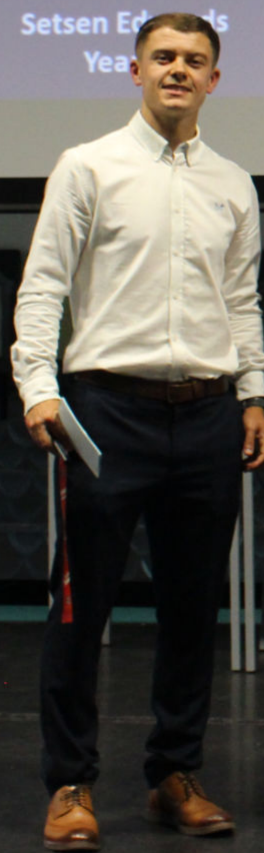
Setsen Edwards
Year 7



Hannah Percival
Year 7



Thomas Simmonds
Year 9



Celebrating Excellence:
2025 Physical Education
Awards

