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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

There has been so much to celebrate again this term as Churchmead has truly lived up to our school motto "Believe to Achieve."

I would like to thank parents and carers for their continued support throughout this term. Sports Day continues to be a highlight of the summer term. It was a fantastic occasion that showcased the talent, determination and teamwork of our students.

Our student leaders have been outstanding this year, taking the lead in a wide range of initiatives and events across the school.

This term we were delighted to welcome students joining Churchmead in September for both our Year 7 Transition Day and Sixth Form Induction Day. It was wonderful to see them engaging confidently with staff and students as they began the next stage of their educational journey.

We have also celebrated the achievements of our students beyond the classroom through the Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme. Congratulations to all of our students who completed their Bronze Awards this year. We are particularly proud of those students who completed the first ever Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award at Churchmead.

As we prepare for September, I would like to remind our current Year 10 and Year 12 students of the importance of using the summer break productively. The year ahead will be a crucial examination year, and spending time reviewing key knowledge and engaging with preparatory work will help them make a strong start to Year 11 and Year 13.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support throughout the year. I wish all our students, families and staff a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Yours faithfully,

Chris Tomes
Headteacher



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Key Dates

Start of Term 1 - Year 7 & Year 12 only
Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Start of Term 1 - Whole School return
Thursday 3rd September 2026

Open Evening
Thursday 10th September 2026

Open Mornings
Monday 14th September - Friday 25th September 2026

Individual and whole Year 11 & Year 13 Photographs
Wednesday 23rd September 2026

Year 7 Welcome Evening
Thursday 24th September 2026

Year 11 Curriculum and Sixth Form Open Evening
Thursday 1st October 2026

Year 10 Art Trip - Kew Gardens
Wednesday 7th October 2026

Duke of Edinburgh Awards Evening
Thursday 8th October 2026

SEND Coffee Morning
Friday 9th October 2026

Year 8 Heathrow STEM Event
Tuesday 20th October 2026

PTA Meeting
Wednesday 21st October 2026

School Production
Thursday 22nd & Friday 23rd October 2026

End of Term
Friday 23rd October 2026

End of Year Trips

Year 7 - Bighat Bushcamp

To celebrate the end of the school year, our Year 7 students spent a fantastic day at Big Hat Bushcamp in Lyne. They took part in a variety of exciting activities, learning survival skills such as matchless fire lighting, campfire cooking, shelter building, archery, navigation, and traditional bushcraft.



Year 8 - BeGripped



Year 8 had a great time at BeGripped - an adventure activity site in Hounslow, spending the day on the nets adventure playground, archery tag and 24m high speed slides!

Year 9 and Year 10 - Thorpe Lakes



Our Year 9 & 10 students quite literally threw themselves in at the deep end during their recent end of year trip to Thorpe Lakes! Taking on the giant inflatables and exciting ringo rides, students embraced every challenge with enthusiasm and determination. They worked together throughout the day helping friends back onto the inflatables after an unexpected splash or encouraging one another to tackle new obstacles. All students showed an outstanding level of enthusiasm in activities which, for some, were well outside of their comfort zones.

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Congratulations to our Gold Tie Prefects & Prefects



Please join us in congratulating our newest cohort of Gold Tie Prefects and Prefects. This team of student leaders has been chosen due to their work ethic, contribution to the school and local community, and for living our school values of Courage, Compassion and Commitment.

Our Gold Tie Prefects are: Maisy, Chimwemwe, Jasmin, Naaya, Charlotte, Alexa, Ben, Matteo, Ayushmann and Murray.

Our Prefects are: Ava, Anamika, Keira, Advait, Freya, Affan, Zunaira, Sukhmani, Regan, Cienna, Josh, Sophia, Betty-Marie, Sena, Amy, Sirien, Avinash, Luca, Sofia, Sophie, Eiden, Mahi and Rebecca.

Year 11 Prom



It is always sad to say goodbye to our Year 11's but, what a night they had celebrating their time at Churchmead!

Filled with laughter, music, dancing and selfies, they did not let the incredible heat on the day affect their time together. We are always so proud of their hard work in the lead up to their exams, and look forward to hearing what the future holds for them.

Congratulations to Nathan and Amber who were crowned this year's Prom King and Queen.

A fond Farewell to our Year 13's



We said a fond farewell to our Year 13 students as they celebrated the end of their Sixth Form journey with a Leavers' Meal, Leavers' Breakfast and Leavers' Assembly. We are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved during their time with us. Their hard work, determination and contribution to our school community has been outstanding, and it has been a privilege to watch them grow and flourish. As they move on to the next exciting chapter of their lives, we wish them every success and happiness for the future. We hope their results reflect all the effort they have put in and open the doors to the opportunities they deserve.

Once a Churchmead student, always part of the Churchmead family.
Good luck, Class of 2026, we know you will go on to achieve great things!

Year 6 Induction Day

We had such a fantastic day hosting students who will be joining us in Year 7 in September. Our Year 6 Induction Day gave students the chance to see what English and Maths lessons were like, take part in PE and ice breaker activities and check out the food in the canteen.

We can't wait to welcome them all in, in September!



Year 12 Induction Day

Our Sixth Form Taster morning was a huge success, as we welcomed both returning students and those who have chosen Churchmead Sixth Form from other schools. We are currently in the top 25% of Sixth Form offerings nationally and offer a wide range of A-Level and BTEC courses.

If you'd like to book a tour of our Sixth Form facilities, you can call us on 01753 211330.



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Sports Day



We had a fantastic Sports Day, with great efforts from all year groups in track and field events. The sun shone all day at Thames Valley Athletic Centre in Eton. Our new addition to Sports Day, Tug-of-War, was a huge success and we had some tremendous achievements in the track events, with every athlete taking part in both the running races and relay leaving everything they had on the track.

Huge congratulations to our record breakers :

Year 8

1500m - Finn

Year 9

400m - Terry & Sienna

Long Jump - Terry & Mbali

Triple Jump - Ayaan

High Jump - Ava

Year 10

Long Jump - Alexa

200m - Alexa

800m - Maisy

1500m - Charlotte & Regan

Year 12

High Jump - Arjan & Sheila

Shotput - Gurtej & Sheila

Triple Jump - Toby & Reebea

Long Jump - Oscar

Javelin - Anisha & Alex

200m - Zahra

400m - Arjun & Zahra



Outside Achievements

We'd like to celebrate Year 10 student Mahi, who was recently invited to attend an indoor net cricket session at Lord's with cricket legend Mr Sachin Tendulkar. This is a rare and very special opportunity for any cricketer, and we are so proud of Mahi for being chosen.



Huge congratulations to Alexa for winning the 100m sprint at the Berkshire County Athletics Championships, in the Under 15 category, with an English schools qualifying time of 12.4. Here's wishing you all the best of luck with your Berkshire Athletics selection.



Duke of Edinburgh Bronze & Silver



Our Silver DofE team took on their second expedition through the New Forest in some incredible temperatures. They did a fantastic job of working together as a team, making sure they supported each other and kept each other going. The Silver DofE Award involves two nights of camping, and three days of expedition as well as extended periods of volunteering, further improving on a physical activity and learning a new skill. We are so proud of this groups teamwork and resilience in such challenging weather conditions.



A huge well done to our Bronze DofE participants who successfully completed their award this term, returning to the Chiltern Hills for their second expedition, enjoying two days of hiking and one night camping. Unlike our Silver team, the Bronze weekend had far more changeable weather. However, all explorers embraced the challenge of the muddy paths, and glorious sunshine every step of the way. They developed invaluable skills in teamwork, problem solving and outdoor survival.



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School Trips

Geography - Hengistbury Head

Our Year 10 Geographers enjoyed a fieldwork trip to Hengistbury Head in Dorset earlier this term, where they put their classroom learning into action. They measured longshore drift along the beach and explored the impact of coastal defences, developing key geographical investigation skills. The experience was fantastic preparation for their Year 11 fieldwork exam.



A-Level Film Studies - Design Museum - Wes Anderson Exhibition



Our A-Level Film Studies students explored the work of Director Wes Anderson at the Design Museum, London last week. The exhibition gave rare access to Wes Anderson's personal archives from iconic films such as *The Grand Budapest Hotel*, *Fantastic Mr. Fox* and *Moonrise Kingdom*.

A-Level History - Maritime Museum Trip

Our A-Level History students went to Royal Maritime Museum and Royal Navy College, Greenwich to support their learning about the British Empire. They started at the Royal Navy College Chapel and then walked up to the Royal observatory to see the panoramic views of London and finished at the National Maritime Museum to visit an exhibition on the foundation and legacy of the East India company.



Garter Ceremony



Some of our Year 7 students attended the Most Noble Order of the Garter Ceremony at Windsor Castle this term, which was attended by members of the Royal Family. They saw King Charles, Prince William and Prince Edward arrive in the procession. The Most Noble Order of the Garter is the highest order of knighthood in Britain. Our Churchmead students represented the school with pride and had a great day.

French School Visit



On Friday 5th June students from our Pen Pal school, Le Cèdre in Rouen, visited Churchmead for the day. They took part in a range of speaking activities, games and were able to experience what school life is like in the UK. There were football and volleyball matches at lunch time and it was a great day, c'était super!

Collective Worship Training

We recently ran a Collective Worship Training Session with Janine Coaker from the ODBE, which was a great success. Students did an amazing job learning how to plan and lead collective worship on their own. It was wonderful to see their creativity shine. Some of our students chose to focus their planning around the Fruits of the Spirit, while others branched out to explore nature and various unique themes. We are incredibly proud of how hard the students worked and the confidence they gained to lead our school community forward.



Experience AI Staff Training



Churchmead School were delighted to host an Experience AI Literacy Training Conference last week for staff from Churchmead and other local schools. The course, developed by leading AI providers Google DeepMind and Raspberry Pi Foundation, aims to help young people develop a more comprehensive understanding of AI systems as they become increasingly embedded in our lives.

Fire Brigade Water Safety Talk

Our thanks to Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service for coming to school and giving a water safety talk ahead of the summer holidays. Living in an area with easily accessible rivers and lakes, we wanted to make sure our students are well equipped to enjoy the summer safely. The session covered Risks of rivers, lakes and reservoirs, Why never enter the water to rescue someone, How and when to call 999, Staying safe near open water and The "Float to Live" technique.



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Baking & Etiquette Party

The Exclusive Baking & Etiquette Club would like to extend its sincere thanks to all staff and students for their generous support, from donating beautiful tea cup sets to stopping by and lending a helping hand, every contribution was truly appreciated. The event was a wonderful success. We raised enough funds to support our garden project. Most importantly the children had an amazing time, which was our ultimate goal.



Outstanding Achievement in Maths

Congratulations to Year 10 students Ayinoor, Emily B and Florence B for their outstanding work in Maths, where they designed and constructed an impressive scale model of Elizabeth Tower (Big Ben). Using mathematical principles and accurate measurements, the students carefully calculated the dimensions needed to create a realistic replica of one of London's most iconic landmarks.



Art & Photography Exhibition

It was such a pleasure to celebrate the hard work of our GCSE and A-Level Art & Photography students with an exhibition of their final pieces this term. The exhibition was a wonderful showcase of inspiring artwork and photography, reflecting months of dedication, imagination and artistic achievement. We're so proud of the incredible creativity, talent and hard work everyone put in.



Churchmead Travels

The MFL Department are looking to create a display called Churchmead travels. We want to see how far our staff and students travel from July 2026 - 2027.

If you go on holiday or a visit this summer, please buy a postcard and bring it back to Churchmead in September.

The postcards can be from days out or holidays both in the UK and abroad.

Bring your post card to MFL and give it to one of the MFL teachers. Please put your name and form group on the back of the postcard.

If you have any questions, please contact Miss Macaree.



Important Reminders



- If you need to collect your child during the school day for an appointment, please remember to email the school at office@churchmead.org with evidence of the appointment, and what time you will be collecting beforehand.



- A reminder that if a student feels unwell while at school, they must come to the school medical office to be assessed. We will then decide the most appropriate next steps, including calling home if necessary. A gentle reminder that we are a no mobile phone school.



- Please also be reminded that we are an ALLERGY AWARE SCHOOL. This is to protect our students and staff who have allergies. Please do not send your child to school with any food that contains nuts.



Free School Meals Applications

It's quick and easy to apply for Free School Meals.

Scan the QR code or visit

<https://apply.cloud-foredu.org.uk/ofsm.rbwm>



Your child will be eligible for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income related Employment & Support Allowance
- Support under V1 of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of state pension credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,900
- Working Tax Credit "run on" - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credits

Please contact Heidi David if you need any help applying - hdavid@churchmead.org

Christian Aid Fun Run Total

We are pleased to announce that we raised over £200 and ran well over our target of 70K in one day!



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Churchmead Sixth Form Newsletter

Eton University Summer Preparatory Courses



We were delighted that three of our Year 12 students were able to attend Eton College for a week of University style lectures, this term. Designed to help students prepare for university applications, these courses offer a range of subjects such as Mathematics, English, Economics, French, Biology with Chemistry, Chemistry, Physics, Theology and Philosophy, and Classics. The courses are structured to be enriching, intellectual, and full of opportunities to gain new skills and exchange ideas with like-minded young people.

A-Level Results Day

A reminder that school will be open from 9am until 12 noon for students to collect their A-Level results. If you can't make it on the day, you can opt to have results emailed to you. Let us know this is your preference by emailing office@churchmead.org



Key Date :

- A Level exam results day: Thursday 13th August 2026

Year 12 Work Experience Week

All of Year 12 have successfully secured work experience placements, with students taking part in a wide range of exciting opportunities. These include roles in hospitals, football coaching programmes, and solicitors' firms, giving students valuable insight into different career pathways while helping them develop important workplace skills and experience.



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Kenya 2026

Year 12 will be travelling to Kenya on 21st July for a 10 day volunteering trip to the Jubilee School. During their visit, students will work closely with pupils, supporting lessons and engaging them in a variety of activities, including sports and music.



This unique opportunity allows for a cultural exchange while developing their own teamwork and communication skills. In addition, our students will help support the school's construction projects, including the development of new classrooms and learning spaces to improve the facilities for the Jubilee pupils.

Following their volunteering, Churchmead Students will have the opportunity to visit a Giraffe Centre, Elephant Orphanage and an adventure day in the Rift Valley. Keep an eye on our social media to see how they get on!

Outside Achievements



We'd like to celebrate Sixth Form A-Level Drama Student, Toby, on his first role in the adult cast for the Weaysbury Players production of "The Gathered Leaves" in May. He gave a strong performance and the audience, including some of our staff who went to support, loved the show!



Please contact us for a tour or to find out how to apply to Churchmead Sixth Form



office@churchmead.org



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Sixth Form Applications



If you're still considering where to go when your GCSE Results come in, we still have spaces in our amazing Sixth Form.



You can apply via our website:
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Or email us on:
office@churchmead.org

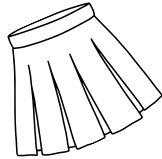
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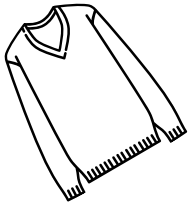
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Uniform Donations



We'd like to say a massive thank you to everyone who has donated items of school uniform. The school office are always looking for any donations of pre loved school uniform still in good condition. We currently have a shortage of skirts of all sizes and small blazers.

If you have anything you'd like to donate, please drop it to main Reception.



HAF Summer Club

HAF SUMMER CLUB
AT BURNHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL
CREATE • PLAY • THRIVE
— SUMMER EDITION —

TUESDAY 18 AUG - FRIDAY 21 AUG FROM 11AM - 3PM **TUESDAY 25 AUG - FRIDAY 28 AUG**

ARTS & DESIGN
SPORTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD
FOOD & SNACKS
STEM CHALLENGES
1:1 SUPPORT AND MENTORING

WE WELCOME **EVERYONE** AND SUPPORT CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS IN A SAFE, INCLUSIVE AND FUN ENVIRONMENT.

GET IN TOUCH!
LEGENDSAREMADE@SPORTAINMENT.ORG.UK
07946439964
BE PART OF SOMETHING AMAZING!

Safeguarding

Safeguarding you all continues throughout the half term.

If you have any safeguarding worries or concerns you can email:
safeguard@churchmead.org

If you feel as though you need someone to talk to, remember you can contact

Childline: <https://www.childline.org.uk/>

Or

KOOTH: [Home - Kooth](#)



If a crime is being committed or you feel like you are in immediate danger, you must contact the police on **999**



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OPEN EVENING

THURS 10 SEPTEMBER
6PM - 8PM

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BY APPOINTMENT

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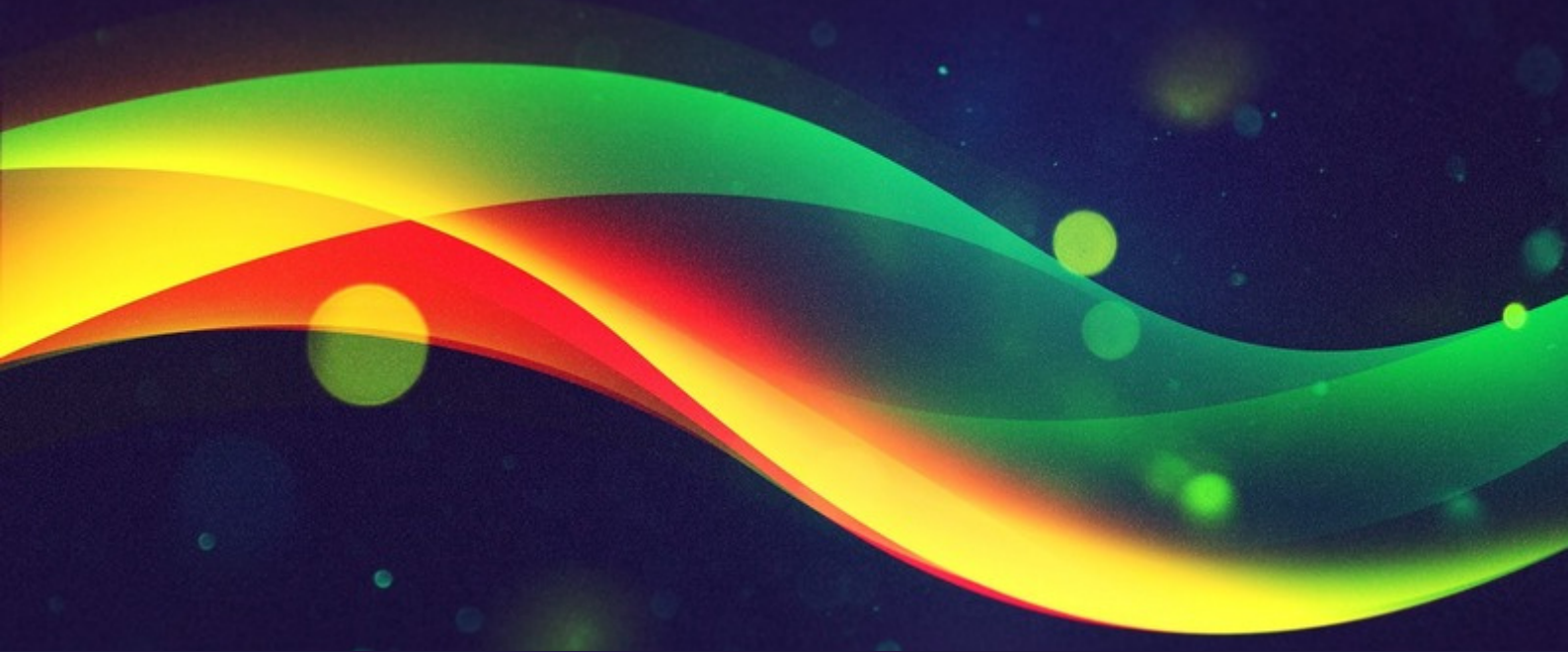
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