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## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been an amazing term, with students engaging in a wide range of exciting learning activities and embracing new opportunities. Our school values of **courage, compassion and commitment** continue to shine through in all that we do, both within the classroom and beyond. The D of E expedition this term was a real highlight with students taking up the challenge with enthusiasm and perseverance.

Our Sixth Form students continue to flourish. It is great that students from our Sixth Form will be visiting Kenya, working to support our partner school. The Year 13 students are preparing well for their final exams and we wish them well as they plan for university.

Year 11 students have now entered their exam season and are working diligently to secure their best possible grades in preparation for their Sixth Form courses. Meanwhile, Year 10 students are beginning to reflect on their future roles within the school community as they apply for a variety of leadership positions.

Serving others has been a key theme throughout this term, and it is incredibly encouraging to see so many of our students setting such a positive example for others to follow.

I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half term break.

Warmest regards

Chris Tomes  
Headteacher



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### Key Dates

#### **Start of Term 5**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026

#### **French Pen Pal School Visit**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026

#### **Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition 2**

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2026

#### **Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition 1**

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2026

#### **Year 10 GCSE Geography Field Trip - Hengistbury Head**

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2026

#### **Etiquette and Banqueting Tea Party**

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2026

#### **Year 7 Student Progress Evening**

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2026

#### **Sports Day**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026

#### **Year 13 Leavers Meal**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026

#### **Year 7 Assessment Week**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026

#### **Year 12 Induction Day**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2026

#### **Year 11 Leavers Breakfast**

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2026

#### **Year 11 Prom**

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2026

#### **Year 6 Transition Day and Induction Evening**

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026

#### **Year 10 Sixth Form Taster Day**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026

#### **GCSE Art Show**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2026

#### **Drama Production**

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2026 & Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026

#### **Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition 2**

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July - Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2026

#### **Year 12 Work Experience**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026

#### **End of Term**

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026

## Duke of Edinburgh Bronze - Expedition 1



Our Year 9 D of E students have spent the past six months planning and training to complete a two day (one night) outdoor expedition, which took place around Gerrards Cross in May, as well as three months of volunteering and improving a skill.

The weekend involved orienteering, setting up their own tents, working as a team, planning meals and cooking them on camping stoves and hiking, all without the use of electronics.



All teams made good progress through day one, reaching the check points in good time. Congratulations to the Red and Blue teams for being first back to base camp on day one, and to everyone for getting their tents up despite the rain. The explorers then collected firewood and settled down to cook the meals they had spent months planning and preparing. They had a great variety including hotdogs, fajitas, pasta and chilli! And of course, you can't go camping without toasting some marshmallows!



The Duke of Edinburgh Award, founded by the late Prince Philip in 1957, involves a set of challenges for young people to help their community and environment, increase fitness, develop new skills and complete an independent outdoors expedition. It is a voluntary, non competitive and flexible programme of cultural and adventurous activities.

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# Churchmead Sixth Form Newsletter

## Student Spotlight

Let's congratulate those students who have gone above and beyond, whether through academic excellence, kindness, creativity, hard work or leadership.



Melanie Lukomska

Melanie has been offered places at two Russell Group Universities! She is working hard to pursue a degree and career in veterinary medicine.



Christine Mendes

Christine has excelled academically and has shown incredible commitment in all lessons. Her compassion has also shone through with her fundraising to volunteer in Kenya in July.



Freddie Barton

Freddie has become an inspirational role model to the students in lower school. As a Reader Leader, he is supporting with literacy and has represented Sixth Form at our Careers Fayre.

## Lesson Spotlight

What have our Sixth Form students been learning this term?

- Congratulations to our Year 12 Level 3 BTEC Business, Engineering and PE students who have completed their first unit exams
- Psychology students have been understanding the Attachment Theory through looking after their own eggs!
- Chemistry students have been engaging in practical experiments and learning how to make Aspirin
- Maths students have been learning about integration and differentiation
- Year 12 Drama students are busy rehearsing for their first exam and experimenting with Frantic Assembly and Artaud

## Kenya 2026

In July some of our Year 12 students will be travelling to Kenya again for our annual global citizens trip. They will be volunteering for nine days in a Primary School in Naukri. This is an incredible opportunity for them to give back to the wider community, embrace new cultures and develop a sense of stewardship.



## Leadership and Extra-Curricular

This term our Sixth Form students have taken on key leadership roles across the school. They have also been active in a range of extra-curricular opportunities and trips, continuing to show initiative, responsibility and ambition in everything they do.



Reader Leaders



Culture Leaders



Silver D of E Group



Careers Champions



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



office@churchmead.org



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### Key Information and Dates



Congratulations to Year 13 who have made an incredible start to their A Level examinations. We wish them the best of luck as they continue after the Half Term break



Our Year 12 Silver D of E students are preparing for their exciting expedition in July

Where will you succeed?

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## Sports Results



Our Year 10 boys unfortunately lost in the semi finals of the cup against Windsor Boys, 4-1. They ran hard from the beginning but found their opponents a little too strong. Congratulations to Boland for receiving Player of the Match. The Girls U15 Football Team lost 3-1 against Windsor Girls in the Cup Final at Arbour Park, despite going 1-0 up in the first half. Well done girls, we are all so proud of you.



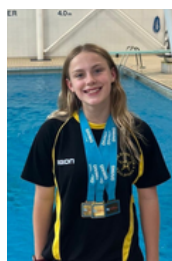
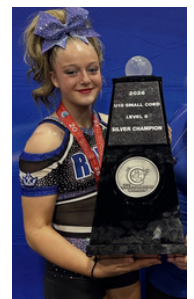
Year 9 and 10 went to the Thames Valley Athletic Centre to compete in their first athletics competition. Congratulations to Alexa, who was awesome in winning her 100m sprint and Avinash who leapt to 2nd place in the long jump. Well done all.

## Outside Achievements



Year 10 student Naaya was selected to play for Windsor Cricket Club's Ladies Softball Team at the Desert Springs Tournament in Mojacar, Spain. Naaya played the best the club had seen and, in a fierce competition, being the youngest person there out of 11 teams, she was even complimented by the organisers on her bowling ability! Thanks to Naaya's performance in the play offs they secured 3rd place, as well as the The Spirit of Cricket Award for fantastic sportsmanship, an award that is very valuable to receive. Congratulations Naaya!

Congratulations to Year 11 student Sky for attending the Cheerleading World Championships in Florida in April, and bringing home a silver medal and the Nations Cup. Sky and her team, Unity Allstars Royal, travelled to Orlando in April to defend their back to back World Champion titles in the Under 18 Level 5 CoEd Division. Royal delivered an incredible performance both days but the opposition was strong, bringing them home in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. This is Sky's third World Title and sixth International medal. Well done Sky.



GCSE PE student Florence in Year 9 competed with her club, Star Diving, at the South East Region Diving Competition earlier this month. Florence won GOLD in 1m springboard, 3m springboard and platform. What an incredible achievement and huge congratulations Florence.

## Fitness and Learning Centre Update

As part of the ongoing refurbishment of our Fitness and Learning Centre, we were delighted to have installed a custom track setup, helping create a more versatile space for student training and athletic development. With thanks to Origin Fitness for providing and installing it.



## Sports Day Reminder

A reminder that our annual Sports Day will be held on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June at Thames Valley Athletic Centre, Pococks Lane, SL4 6HN. We invite all parents, carers and friends to join us from 8.45am until 2pm.



## Christian Aid Fun Run



On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, we ran over 175 laps of the school as part of Christian Aid's "Reach 70K in May" challenge. Thanks to everyone who donated their £1 entry. If you'd still like to contribute, you can do so via ParentPay. We'll keep you posted with the total at the end of next term.

## Wraysbury Football Club

We are delighted to host Wraysbury Village Football Club at Churchmead School. We have come to the end of our first year of partnership with Wraysbury Village FC and are delighted that it has been such a success. Crucial funding has been received to support the purchase of new goals, which has greatly benefitted the school as well as enhanced the sessions. Training takes place every Saturday during term time from 9:30 to 10:30am at the school. Sessions are open to a wide range of ages, from 5 years old through to under17s.

For further information, please contact the Head of Youth, Asif Khan, on 07590 026689.



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## Eco Ambassadors

Our school Eco Ambassadors led a collective worship session to share their vision and inspire the school community about our exciting plans to achieve Green Flag status as an Eco School. They spoke confidently about sustainability, environmental responsibility, and the positive changes we can all make together, encouraging students and staff alike to take an active role in protecting our planet and helping our school become more environmentally friendly.



## School Parliament

We are excited to share the launch of the Churchmead School Parliament. This is a massive whole school effort where we are joining forces with the Student Ambassadors and the Student Council to create a unified Student VOICE. Our group of the School Chaplain (Mr Ebanks) and Student Chaplains will be working hard behind the scenes to manage the process, collect names and promote the election across all year groups.

Students will be encouraged to sign up for the position of School Prime Minister position or to run as an MP. We need leaders who are ready to debate British Values as well as school life.

We will be sharing the final election date.

## Etiquette and Baking Club



The etiquette and Baking club cordially invite students and staff to join them for a Tea Party.

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June**  
**3.10pm - 4.40pm**

Entry is £5 and all funds raised will go towards restoring the school garden area. Please take this opportunity to dress up; girls in summer dress and boys in bow ties.

If you have any china, tea cups and saucers, side plates, cake stands etc that you would like to donate, we'd love to have them to bring the garden party to life.

Please reach out to Miss Clarke if you are able to help - [office@churchmead.org](mailto:office@churchmead.org)

## End of Year Trips

A reminder that we will be running our End of Year Trips again at the end of next term. These are a fantastic opportunity for students to do exciting activities with their friends and teachers and celebrate the end of the school year. Letters will be coming out after the half term with more information.

## 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](mailto: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.

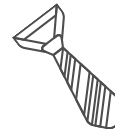
## Uniform Donations



The school office are 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.



## Half Term Safeguarding Notices

Safeguarding you all continues throughout the half term.

If you have any safeguarding worries or concerns you can email:  
[safeguard@churchmead.org](mailto: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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## ParentPay

A polite reminder to all parents and guardians to regularly check your child's ParentPay account and add funds as soon as needed.

## Datchet Village Fete



We are delighted to be hosting Datchet Village Fete again this summer on:

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

We're looking for volunteers and stall holders so if you'd like to get involved, please contact [scstanford@aol.com](mailto:scstanford@aol.com)

We'll share more details closer to the time with what's in store, so watch this space!



## Special Thanks to Perform Worldwide

We'd like to share a special thanks to Yvonne from local Datchet company Perform Worldwide for their kind donation of some much needed stationery for a second time this year.



## Special Thanks to Rank Group

Thanks also go to ex student Haroon, whose company Rank Group in Maidenhead, donated some fantastic furniture for our Drama Department.



## 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](mailto:hdavid@churchmead.org)

## Keeping in Touch



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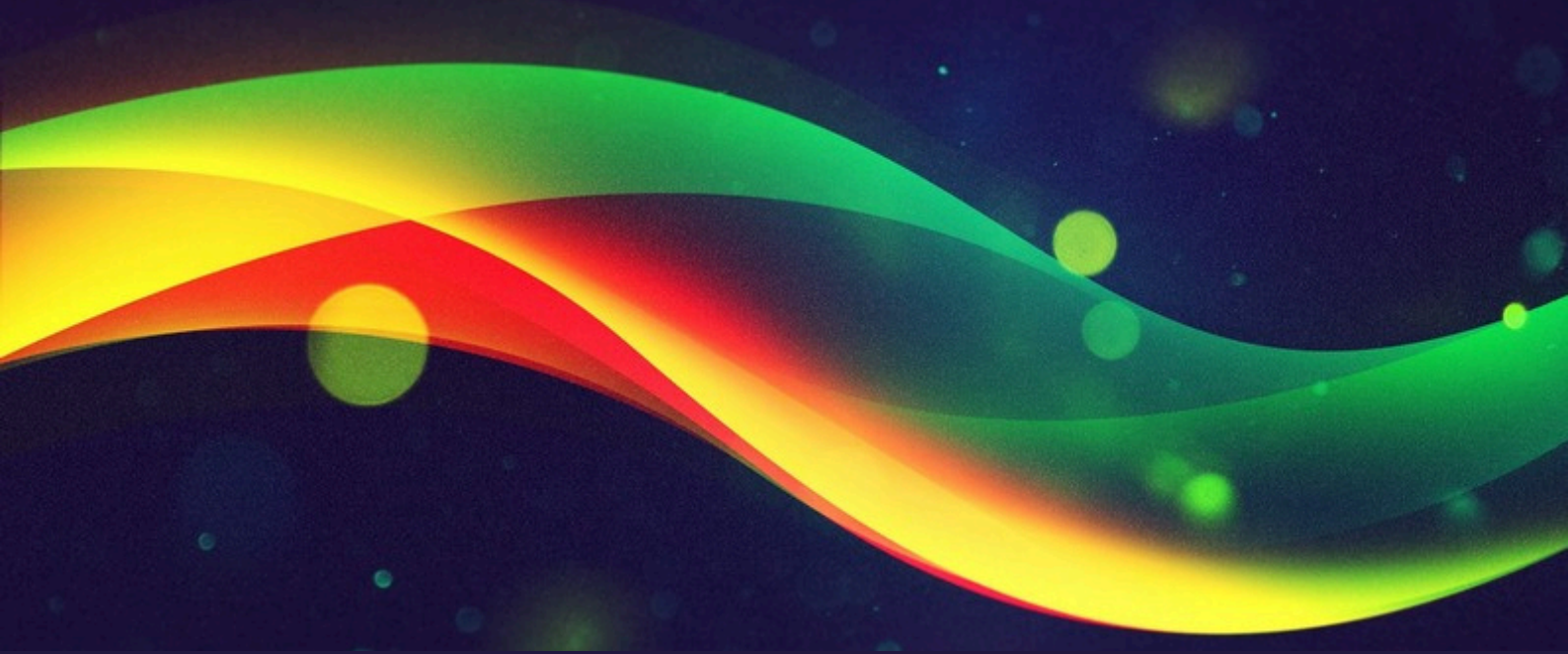


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