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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we move through this academic year, our vision of "Life in All Its Fullness" continues to guide us. This vision is about ensuring every young person flourishes, embracing the opportunities before them and making the most of their God-given talents.

Students have made an excellent start to the year, with new Year 7 and Sixth Form students settling quickly into life at Churchmead. Our Year 12 students have been particularly impressive, approaching Sixth Form with maturity, ambition and a strong commitment to learning.

Our students have enjoyed inspiring educational visits this term, including trips to Cambridge University and Cadbury World. These experiences have helped broaden horizons, raise aspirations and encourage students to think ambitiously about their future opportunities.

We have enjoyed a range of cultural experiences this term, with our poetry events showcasing the creativity and confidence of our students. It was wonderful to see so many young people sharing their work and celebrating literature.

I continue to be immensely proud of the large number of students representing the school through our sports teams. Their commitment, teamwork and resilience exemplify the values we seek to develop in every student.

Our vision of Life in All Its Fullness calls us not only to achieve our own potential but also to help others flourish. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. Together, we are creating a school community where young people can grow in confidence, character and ambition.

Yours faithfully,

Chris Tomes
Headteacher



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Key Dates

Start of Term 2

Monday 2nd November 2026

Year 10 Art Trip - Kew Gardens

Wednesday 4th November 2026

Year 11 Student Progress Meeting

Thursday 5th November 2026

Year 10 Financial Foundations Workshop

Tuesday 10th November 2026

Year 7 - Michael Rosen Day

Thursday 12th November 2026

Children In Need Day

Friday 13th November 2026

Year 7 Digital Awareness Workshop

Tuesday 17th November 2026

Year 8 Youth Conflict Workshop

Thursday 19th November 2026

Year 13 Student Progress Evening

Thursday 19th November 2026

Flu Immunisations

Monday 23rd November 2026

GCSE Presentation and Duke of Edinburgh Awards Night

Thursday 26th November 2026

Inset Day - School Closed

Friday 27th November 2026

Christmas Bake Sale

Wednesday 9th December 2026

School Production

Thursday 10th & Friday 11th December 2026

School Christmas Service

Tuesday 15th December 2026

Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 16th December 2026

End of Term

Friday 18th December 2026

Welcoming Year 7 and Year 12



A fantastic start to the new academic year for our new Year 7 and Year 12 students!

Our Transition Day was all about getting to know each other, building confidence and starting to form the friendships and connections that make school life such a special experience.



There was plenty of laughter and healthy competition with team building activities, alongside identity art, time capsules and lots of opportunities to mix, chat and of course, some classes.

It was lovely to see our new students settling in, forming bonds and already starting to become part of our vibrant school community. We are really excited to see what their time here brings for them.



We'd also like to thank all of our new Year 7 Parents and Carers who attended our Welcome Evening. It's always such pleasure meeting the families of our newest students, and hearing how they are enjoying their time here. If you weren't able to make it, but need to contact your child's Form Tutor, you can email us at office@churchmead.org.

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Science Trip - Cambridge Physics Laboratory

Our GCSE Triple Science students went to the Cavendish Laboratory at the University of Cambridge to attend the Physics at Work Exhibition.



Students took part in interactive presentations, hands on demonstrations and discussions with physicists, engineers, and industry professionals. They explored how Physics is applied in real-world settings and learnt about current scientific research and technological developments, as well as what careers are possible with Physics.

Business Studies Trip - Cadbury World

Our Business Studies students enjoyed an interactive visit to Cadbury World in Birmingham this term, where they explored the fascinating journey of chocolate from bean to bar. The day included a tour through the history of Cadbury and how the business began, live demonstrations showing how chocolate is made, opportunities for students to create their own chocolate, sample melted chocolate and choosing their own toppings and an exciting 4D cinema experience.



Students also took part in an engaging business investigation session, demonstrating excellent curiosity by asking thoughtful questions and actively contributing to discussions. They explored a range of important business concepts, including: The influence of the Quaker values on Cadbury's development, marketing, commerce, legal compliance, ethics and stakeholder responsibilities, how multinational companies adapt products for different countries and markets, fairtrade practices and the importance of paying farmers fairly. Students were engaged and enjoyed the day, asking some very sensible questions and taking part in activities.

Poetry Workshop with Shagufta Iqbal

Students recently had the exciting opportunity to take part in a Poetry Workshop led by acclaimed poet Shagufta Iqbal. The session encouraged students to explore their creativity, experiment with language and discover how poetry can be inspired by the world around them.

Through a series of engaging activities, students began with free-writing exercises, using prompts based on wonder and imagination. They explored places such as lakes, islands and other landscapes before developing their ideas into original poems.

Students also experimented with a variety of poetic techniques, including word association, imagery and acrostic poetry. They were introduced to methods of linking ideas between lines, where the final word of one line became the opening word of the next, helping them to create flowing and connected pieces of writing.



Drawing inspiration from Shagufta's own work, students explored the use of metaphors, similes and everyday objects as starting points for powerful poetry.

The workshop highlighted how ordinary experiences and familiar items can become the basis for creative and meaningful writing.

The session was a fantastic opportunity for students to develop their confidence as writers, take creative risks and appreciate the craft of poetry.

We were delighted to welcome Shagufta Iqbal to our school and look forward to seeing how students continue to develop the ideas and techniques they explored during this inspiring workshop.

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PE Updates

First XI Football



Not to be for the First XI in our first match of the season as they came up short against Langley Grammar 5-0. Lots of debuts and encouraging performances though. Followed by an entertaining 4-4 draw with Ditton Park later in September. Goals came from Alfie West - 2, Avinash and Finn scored a banger! Finishing off with our first win of the season with a final score of 2-1 over Herschel Grammar. Goals from Alfie and Harvey got the job done...! Well done boys.

Year 9 Netball



The Year 9 girls attended their setting tournament for netball. The girls played six matches, winning two and losing four. Our Captain, Bella Rose, encouraged the team constantly on, and off court and played a crucial role in the teams wins. All the girls did brilliantly.

Girls Football

It has been a great turnout for the girls football club so far this term. The U13 and U15 girls are entered into the Slough School's Cup competitions with fixtures coming up. If you'd still like to join in on a Thursday after school, please see Miss Spencer.



Year 9 Interhouse Futsal Tournament

The Year 9 futsal interhouse competition was won by Victor House, with a dominant display over the three days. Futsal is a small-sided indoor football game, made up of two teams of five. Well done Victor House.



Careers - Heathrow STEM Event

Our students recently took part in the Learning to Work Heathrow STEM Challenge, where they worked collaboratively in teams of four to design and build a movable car capable of navigating a map of Heathrow Airport. Students applied a range of STEM skills, including problem-solving, creativity, engineering design, teamwork and communication.



Individually, students demonstrated resilience, critical thinking, adaptability and leadership as they contributed ideas, tested solutions and refined their designs. The event provided an excellent opportunity to develop employability skills while gaining an insight into the diverse careers and operations at one of the world's busiest airports. We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and determination shown by all participants. The winning teams will soon receive a Golden Ticket, granting them an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of Heathrow Airport in the near future. Congratulations to everyone involved!

Careers Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG)

Throughout this and next term, students will have the opportunity to meet one-to-one with a qualified Level 6 Careers Adviser to explore their options and make informed Post-16 decisions. Following each meeting, Parents and Carers will receive a personalised action plan by email, including tailored recommendations and QR codes linking to relevant open days, careers events, college information and apprenticeship opportunities.

Please look out for these emails in the coming weeks so you can support your child with their next steps. We look forward to helping students make confident choices about their future.

Year 11 Exam Attack Workshop



On Monday 19th October, our Year 11 students took part in an engaging and thought-provoking Exam Attack Workshop delivered by Wayne Dixon. The session encouraged students to put their upcoming examinations into perspective through a range of memorable stories, humour and practical advice. Throughout the workshop, students were attentive, engaged and listened respectfully, taking on board valuable messages about preparation, resilience and maintaining a positive mindset towards exams. We would like to thank Wayne for delivering such an enjoyable and insightful session and for supporting our students as they continue their preparation for the upcoming exam season.

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Churchmead Sixth Form Newsletter

We've been delighted to welcome all our Sixth Form students as we start a new term. We are excited to welcome Year 12 students, both familiar faces returning to continue their studies, alongside those who have joined us from other schools. For our Year 13 students, this marks the beginning of an important and rewarding year as they prepare for their final exams and take the next steps towards their future goals.



Year 12 Academic Mentors

Our Year 12 students have been supporting the lower school in preparation for their GCSE's. Having just been through the exam process they are ideally placed to offer first hand guidance and reassurance. They will be developing effective study habits, building confidence and strengthening subject knowledge while building their own leadership and mentoring skills. This marks the beginning of an important new leadership role for our Sixth Form students. Each Year 12 has been linked with a Year 11 tutor group to offer encouragement, share revision strategies and provide practical support during tutor time.



Leading Worship

We are incredibly proud of our new Year 12 students, for delivering worship to Year 11 this term. They shared their experiences, advice and reflections as Year 11 begin to think seriously about their academic futures.

Sixth Form Open Evening and School Tours

We had a fantastic turn out for our Sixth Form Open Evening earlier in October with families coming from all over the local area, both current students and those from other schools. We had some very positive feedback about our Sixth Form facilities, as well as the subjects and opportunities on offer.

If you weren't able to make it, but would like to have a look around whilst you consider your further education options, please get in touch. We'd be delighted to arrange a private tour. You can scan the QR code, give us a call on 01753 211 330 or email us at office@churchmead.org.



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

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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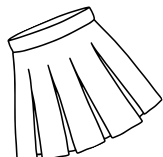
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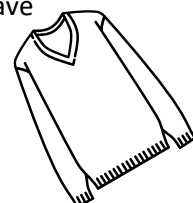
We'd like to say a massive thank you to everyone who has donated items of school uniform.



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.



**Churchmead Students –
Are You Ready for Learning?**

Bring Your Phone Pouch! **Wear Your Full Uniform!** **Bring All Your Equipment!**

Off. Locked. Learning.

- Mobile phones must be switched off completely.
- Phones / Smart watches / earbuds must be in locked pouches.
- Pouches must stay securely closed until the end of the day.
- No phone use during lessons, breaktimes or around school.
- Do not try to unlock your pouch.

Need a New Phone Pouch?
Available on the First Day Back! **Only £13**

PE Kit Expectations

All students should have their full Churchmead PE kit including shorts/tracksuit bottoms or leggings with a pair of trainers they can comfortably play sport in. School shoes are not designed for this purpose.

All Churchmead branded kit can be purchased online or instore at Goyals.

As it causes a disruption at the start of class, students will be expected to use our spare kit if they forget theirs and there will be sanctions for having incorrect PE kit.

We would welcome any donations to the spare kit from anything that your child has grown out of.

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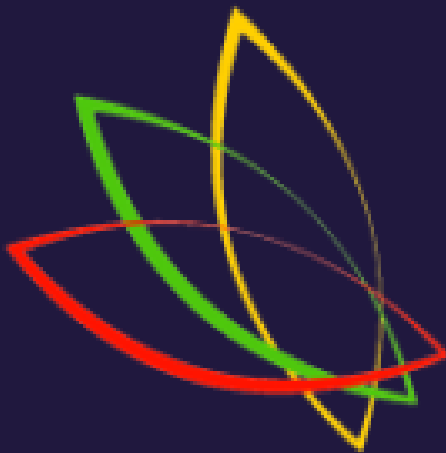
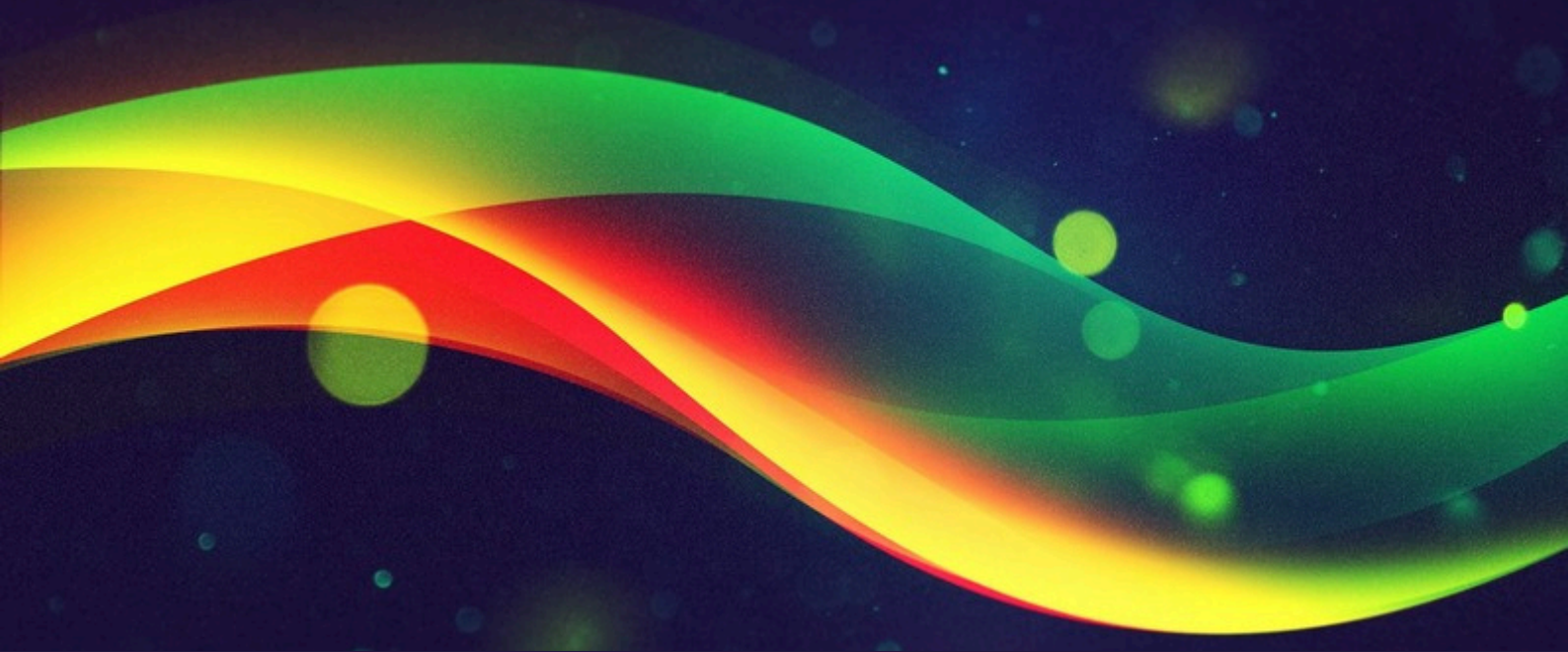


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