

# CHURCHMEAD SCHOOL

April 2025 Newsletter



## This issue:

### Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have so much to celebrate again this term. Students have taken part and helped organise a wide range of fantastic events and opportunities across all year groups in the school - the STEM Challenge Day for Year 8 and Year 9, the Climate Challenge Competition for Year 10, our School Showcase in which our students demonstrated talents in Music and Drama. Once again, our World Book Day aimed at promoting reading in all of our young people and was a great success, even the staff enjoyed dressing as their favourite characters. Our students once again represented the school at the Mock Trial competition in Reading and had an amazing day. Year 11's and 13's are busy getting ready for their final GCSE and A Level exams - holiday revision is key to success.

As a school we have recently consulted on some key changes to our Behaviour Policy linked to ensuring students are on time to school and to challenge the misuse of mobile phones in school. We are very grateful for the positive and encouraging responses from parents to the consultation. We look forward to working with all parents to ensure a positive change in each of these areas.

Easter is a time of transformation linked to Jesus's death and resurrection. I have been so encouraged by the transformation we see in our young people as they demonstrate our values of courage, compassion and commitment. Students taking up new challenges and new opportunities has been a theme throughout this term and provides the character development and resilience required for a rapidly changing world.

Happy Easter.

Chris Tomes  
Headteacher

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## **Key Dates**

### **Bank Holiday - School closed**

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025

### **Start of Term**

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025

### **Year 9 Student Progress Evening**

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2025

### **Start of Year 9 PPE's**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025

### **Bank Holiday - School closed**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025

### **Year 9 PSHE Child Exploitation Talk**

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025

### **Start of Year 11 GCSE's**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025

### **Year 12 Student Progress Evening**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025

### **Start of A Level Exams**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025

### **Christian Aid Week**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025

### **Year 9 PSHE Substance Awareness Talk**

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025

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

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025

### **End of Term**

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

### **Start of Term**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025



## Prize Giving Evening



What a wonderful evening recognising students who are excelling personally and academically, as well as representing our school values in everything they do, at our annual Prize Giving Evening. Hosted by our wonderful staff and guest speaker, Jack Rankin MP, it was fantastic to also see so many parents attend. Special thanks also go to Lions Club of Windsor President Martin Tocher who supported the "Life In All It's Fullness Award" presented to Sixth Form student, Melanie Lukomska.



## Football Success

Huge congratulations to our Year 7 and Year 8 football teams.

The Year 7 game finished 6-1! The match was a good team performance, setting them up well for their semi-final in the cup against St Joseph's. Notable performances included Jacob Taylor in goal, who produced some excellent game play from the back and Billydean Thackeray, who scored four goals.

Our Year 8 boys football team won 3-1 against Upton Court Grammar School. Two goals from Jacob Berberich-Poole and one from Charlie Mephram, plus an amazing penalty save from Lee Relf. The boys are set up nicely for their cup semi final against Trevelyan.

Congratulations to all the boys who played!



Year 7



Year 8

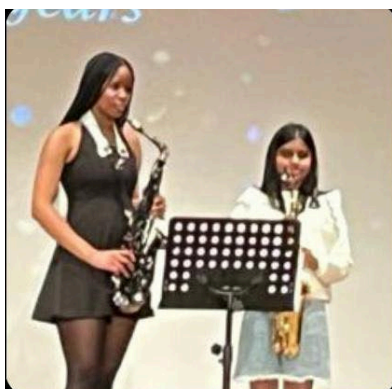
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## Performing Arts Showcase

Wow! Our Churchmead Performing Arts Showcase was fantastic with performances from the Churchmead Choir, alongside some wonderful soloists, musicians, dancers and dramatic theatre pieces. Congratulations to all involved.



## Mock Trials

Huge congratulations to our Magistrates Mock Trials students who spent the day in court prosecuting and defending a very tricky case. They all played their roles with confidence and were eloquent and professional. It was an extremely valuable experience and they all enjoyed the day.





## Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award - Practice Cooking

Our Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Award students did some practice cooking this term at school. As part of the DofE Bronze award, students learnt about nutrition and ways of cooking when outside with limited facilities. Looks yummy!



## Ascot Bake Off

We sent a team of three students to the Ascot Bake Off this term, competing against other schools in the area in association with our friends at Learn to Work and 1711. They showcased their skills at baking as well as project planning.



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## Fair Trade Fortnight

This term we have been raising awareness of what the Fair Trade movement means and how we can support it during our day to day lives. Celebrating the difference we can all make when we choose Fairtrade, by promoting Fairtrade products and practices, and encouraging individuals and organisations to also support Fair Trade initiatives.



## World Book Day

On Friday 7th March, Churchmead School celebrated the reading our students and staff choose to do for fun, as part of World Book Day. Students came dressed up as their favourite book character for a donation of £1. There were book themed department activities during lessons and activities in the library at break and lunchtime, where the students could share their favourite books. We raised a fantastic £234 for the World Book Day Charity.



## Red Nose Day

Our Red Nose Day Bake Sale raised £120.30 in support of Comic Relief.

Thanks to all those who contributed sweet treats, and to those who bought them.





## A-Level Physics Radiation Practical

Our Year 12 & 13 students did their radiation practical as part of their A-Level Physics course, where they investigated the inverse - square law for gamma rays. With thanks to Langley Grammar for hosting us.

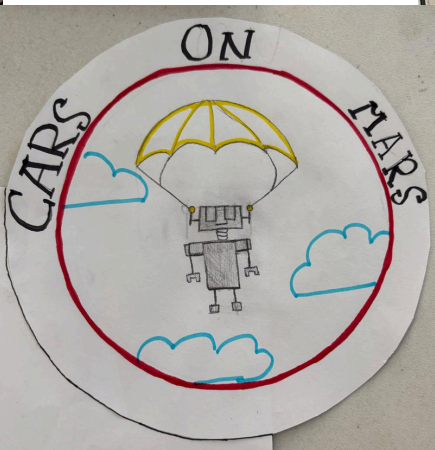
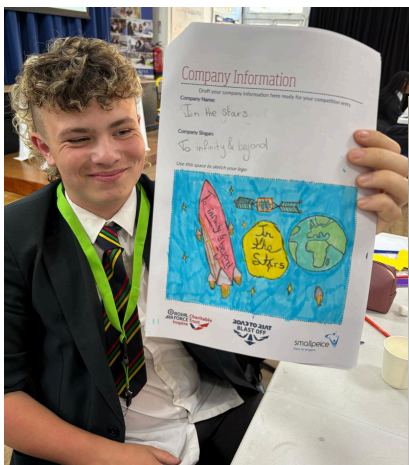


## Year 8 & Year 9 STEM Workshop

🚀 An inspiring day with The Small Piece Trust where teamwork, creativity, and problem-solving took centre stage! Students tackled STEM challenges, built innovative solutions, and ended with fantastic presentations. Future engineers & scientists in the making! ⚙️

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#STEM #Innovation #Teamwork



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## Outside Achievements

UK Taekwondo champion! Congratulations to our very own Adam Ouznadji in Year 10, who has claimed the title of UK Taekwondo Champion for 14–17-year-olds! He is now preparing for The Barcelona World Championships and we wish him the very best of luck. What a fantastic achievement.



## Teaching & Learning Champion

Congratulations to our newest Teaching and Learning Champion, Ms Peacock. Through her adapted and exciting lessons, Ms Peacock has helped to grow the music provision in Churchmead significantly. Her positivity and nurturing character shine through in all lessons, with students making very positive progress in a number of different areas in music. Her dedication to promoting the Churchmead Teaching and Learning Priorities, across the school, ensure that students are equipped to learn in a variety of ways in her classroom. Well done, Ms Peacock.





## 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, not call or text home directly. 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 we are NUT FREE SCHOOL. This is to protect our students and staff who have nut allergies. Please do not send your child to school with any food that contain nuts.

### [Links to advice and help](#)

#### Online Safety

[Safer Internet Day Top Tips and Advice Pages](#) | [Childnet 11-18s](#) | [CEOP Education](#)

#### Mental Health and Wellbeing

Young Minds – [www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)

YoungMinds is the UK's leading charity committed to improving emotional wellbeing and mental health of children and young people.

[Shout: the UK's free, confidential and 24/7 mental health text service for crisis support](#) | [Shout 85258](#)

You can also contact Kooth [Home – Kooth](#) - Free online counselling support



#### Support and Advice for Parents

[Support & advice for parents](#) | [NSPCC](#)

[11-18s](#) | [CEOP Education](#)



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### [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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## PTA News

If you'd like to know more about what Churchmead's PTA do and how you can support or join us, why not come along to the next meeting? We're always looking for volunteers and members of the community to get involved.

Email [pta@churchmead.org](mailto:pta@churchmead.org) to find out more.

Churchmead School PTA are registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us and the school so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us.

It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.

You can find our easyfundraising page by following this link:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/churchmeadpta>



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

## 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 - [h david@churchmead.org](mailto:h david@churchmead.org)



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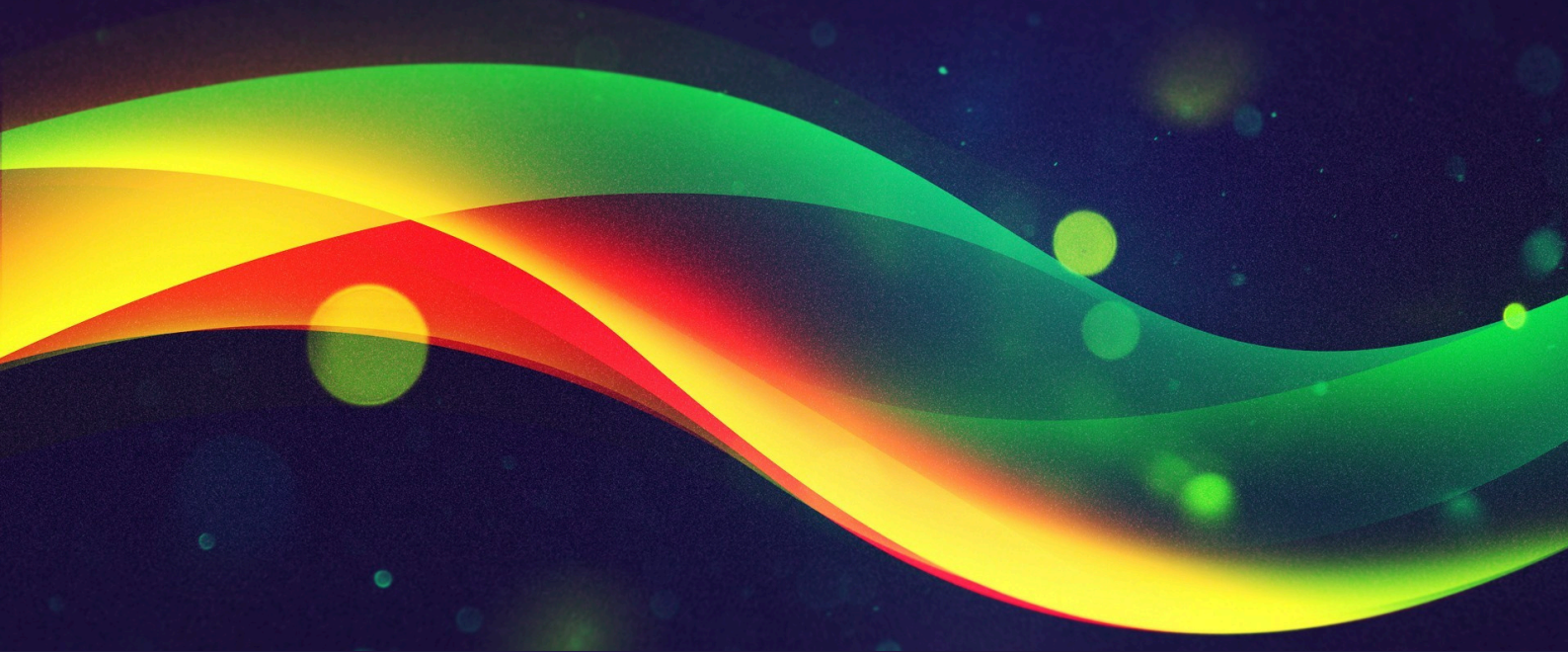
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