

# CHURCHMEAD

## Autumn Term 1 Newsletter



### Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the Half Term break there is so much to celebrate and, reading through our Newsletter, living life in all its fullness has been lived out in our school. Our new Sixth Form students have made a fantastic start to their A Level courses and feedback from students and parents has been incredibly positive. As a school, we are delighted that we can now offer a full programme of education from age 11-18.

I would like to thank parents for their commitment to good uniform and providing the correct equipment for lessons. We are delighted with how Year 7 students have started their secondary education and settled so quickly, already taking part in so many of the after school activities. It was a pleasure to meet so many Year 7 parents at our Year 7 evening earlier this term.

Celebrating diversity and raising cultural awareness has been a theme this term. Our Cultural Dress Day was a huge success, raising money for UNICEF. Students have enjoyed a variety of school trips this year including Kew Gardens, Blood Brothers, a Geography field trip and a climbing trip. We are delighted that we can offer a range of different international trips in the year ahead. Our sports teams have been well represented in local leagues, with a significant increase in students joining sports teams.

In our worship our focus has been on the story Jesus told of the Good Samaritan and the compassion shown to our neighbours.

Thank you for your continued support throughout this term.

Chris Tomes  
Headteacher

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## Open Evening

It was wonderful to see everyone who came to our Open Evening. It was a great chance to see all the amazing opportunities Churchmead has to offer. Thank you to all the staff and students who created a really positive experience for everyone.



## Sixth Form/New Year 12

We are very happy to announce that we have a New Year 12 starting at Churchmead. It has been a great opportunity for students to continue their studies here. Our students have really loved their first term at Sixth Form. They like the independence Sixth Form gives them and the way Churchmead has approached the depth of A level learning with them. We are immensely proud of their start to A level study.





## European Day of Languages

On 27th September Churchmead celebrated European Day of Languages. There was an information treasure hunt in MFL, with students finding the answers to questions about languages, culture and important people from European countries.



## Kew Gardens Trip

We took our Year 10 Art students to Kew Gardens to study and to draw nature for their Natural Forms project. The students looked at the composition of different plants and used their Photography and Art skills to capture different plants. They had a great day exploring the gardens and glasshouses.



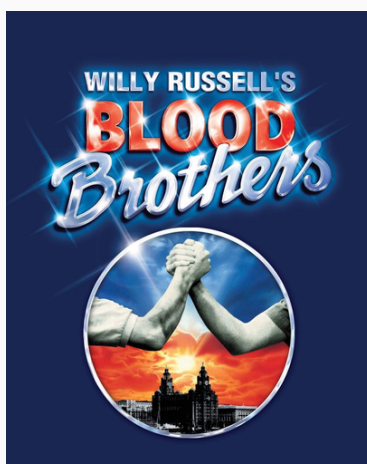
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## Blood Brothers Trip

We took our Year 11 and 12 Drama students and some of our Year 11 English students to see the production of Blood Brothers at the Windsor Theatre. The students really engaged with the performance and it was a great opportunity to experience live theatre together.



## Careers Day

On 15th September Year 12 had a really valuable careers session from Sarah West from the University of Reading. They also had interview practice and an introduction to careers led by Chris Greaves from Adviser. Thank you to Miss Spencer for organizing this event.





## Cultural Dress Day

We held our Churchmead Cultural Dress Day on 13th October. During this day we celebrated different cultures across the school. We wore our cultural clothing and made space to focus on the diversity within our school. It was a great celebration of our community here at Churchmead.



## BTEC Sport

On 10th October Year 11 went to PACCAR Scout campsite. They scaled the heights in rock climbing and had a fantastic time.



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## Reminders

### School uniform

- Navy blazer with Churchmead logo
- Navy V neck jumper with Churchmead logo
- Churchmead tie (purchase from Churchmead)
- White shirt
- Boys - Grey school trousers
- Girls - Grey school skirt with a simple pleat (not pleated all the way round) or plain straight leg grey trousers
- Grey or white socks
- Smart black shoes - NO trainers or boots, NO heels or open toe
- Black or navy coat with no logo
- Black school bag
- Jewellery - only one single stud in each year for KS4, not KS3. No bracelets, rings or necklaces

Please be reminded that the following items are not permitted to be worn in school at any time:

- Hoodies (unless they are taking part in PE and it is a Churchmead School hooded top)
- Trainers (black trainers are not school shoes)
- Fake nails/long nails and nail varnish
- Casual leisure wear such as chinos, jeans, lycra trousers and leggings







# Key Dates

Start of Term  
Monday 30th October 2023

Year 10 Curriculum & Information Evening  
Thursday 2nd November 2023

Year 11 Student Progress Meeting  
Thursday 9th November 2023

Year 12 Open Evening  
Thursday 16th November 2023

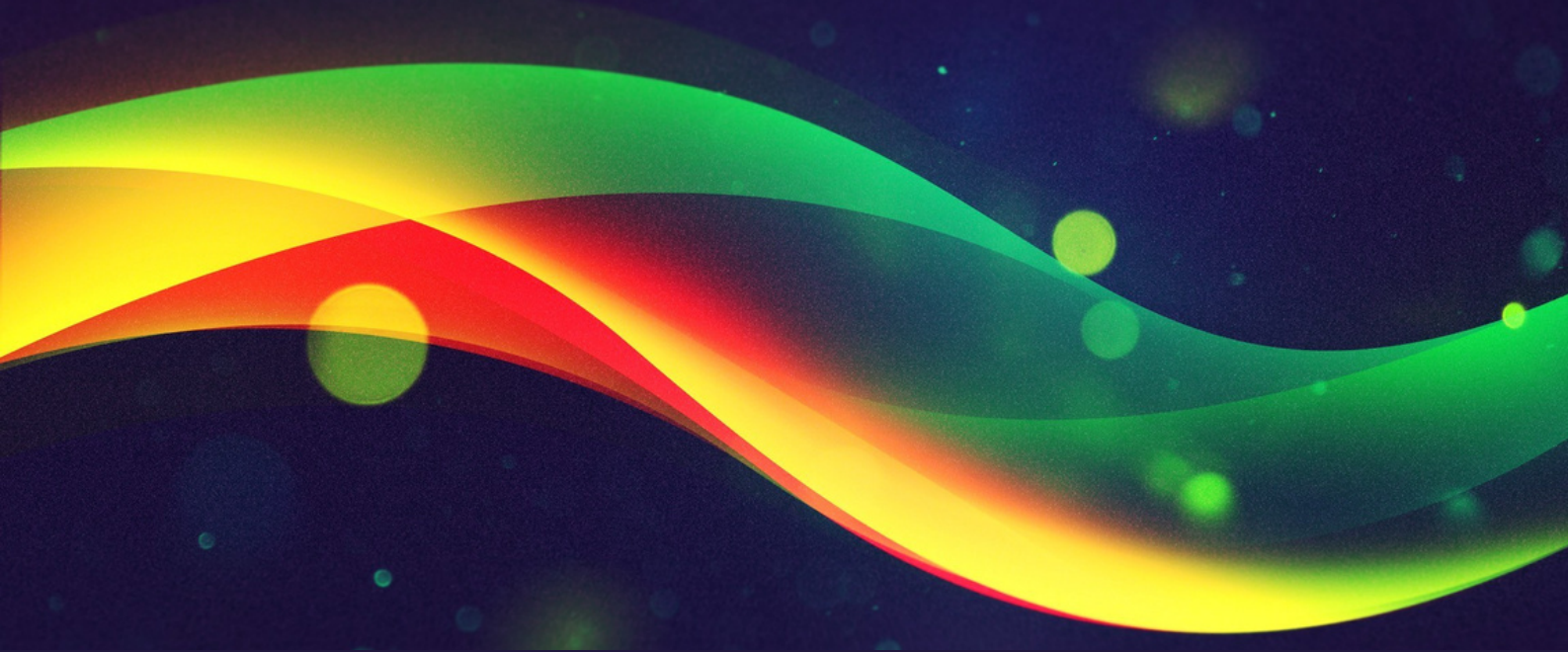
GCSE Certificate Evening  
Thursday 23rd November 2023

Inset Day  
Friday 24th November 2023

End of Term  
Friday 15th December 2023



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