

CHURCHMEAD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

A message from the Headteacher



Dear Parents/Carers,

It is incredible to think that it was only a year ago that Covid restrictions were finally lifted in schools. Having reflected on the year, returning to life in all its fullness has been a guiding principal throughout. This week we have been celebrating the incredible achievements by our students through their celebration assemblies. Our new reward point system in Arbor has gone down well with the students. I am very grateful for the parents downloading the app and keeping up to date with the reward points and other communications that are coming from the school. Our new website has also gone down well.

After half term we will be planning a school response to the earthquake appeal for Turkey and Syria. It is very encouraging when the students are wanting to drive this with the help of their teachers demonstrating their compassion, one of our key values. We will also be entering the time of Lent, a time to grow spiritually whilst setting some personal goals to improve ours and other people's well-being. Some areas we are focusing on during this time is having the correct uniform and equipment in school. Mobile phones are not to be seen in school, they need to be switched off and put away. Recent improvements in this one area has seen significant improvements around the school and we will continue to drive this forward in the new term.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

Chris Tomes
Headteacher

ENTERPRISE CHALLENGE

We are so very proud to announce that Churchmead got the **hat trick** - we are third time Enterprise Challenge winners!

Our students competed against seven other schools and their presentation was absolutely brilliant! They were so eloquent and dynamic and the judges loved their idea.



WRAYSBURY PLAYERS PRODUCTION

We are hugely proud of some of our students who took part in the Wraysbury Players production of Rapunzel over the weekend.

Well done to them all for exhibiting such courage, confidence and talent on stage.



NEW PARENT GOVERNOR



Many congratulations to Kiran Jhanzaib who has been voted by the parent community to become a parent governor at Churchmead School.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

There has been a significant increase in Headteacher's Awards being presented to students.

Congratulations to all of those who have received them so far!



100% ATTENDANCE AWARDS/ ATTAINMENT STAR BADGES



Our 100% attendance certificates have now gone home for those who made 100% attendance over the past half term.

These certificates are awarded at the end of each half term.

Well done to the following Tutor Groups who had the best attendance for each Year:

Year 7 - Teresa

Year 8 - Teresa

Year 9 - Becket

Year 10 - Becket

Year 11 - Becket



At the end of the next term we will start giving out our attainment star badges. These will be awarded full termly.



WORSHIP

Well done to Year 7 Victor who led a wonderful worship about Mindfulness.

Year 7 have been learning to lead worship with their year group, with a large number of them joining the Worship Committee.



NEW WEBSITE LAUNCH



We have launched our new website!
Please visit [Churchmead School](https://www.churchmead-school.co.uk) to find out more.



We have launched a new parental portal by Arbor. The Parent Portal and Arbor App let parents check in on their child's attendance, behaviour, progress and book parents evening slots.

You can also receive/send communication via in-app messaging and update you and your child's contact details.

LOGGING IN FOR THE FIRST TIME

You will receive a welcome email from Arbor. This will have your login details and a link that will take you to the browser version of the Parent Portal, where you need to set up a password.

You won't be able to do this through the app, as the links in our reset password emails only work with a browser. You can reset your password using a computer, or using a mobile browser on your phone or tablet.

If you haven't received the welcome email, we may not have your email on record. You will need to contact the school to update your details.

LOGGING INTO THE PARENTAL PORTAL USING A BROWSER

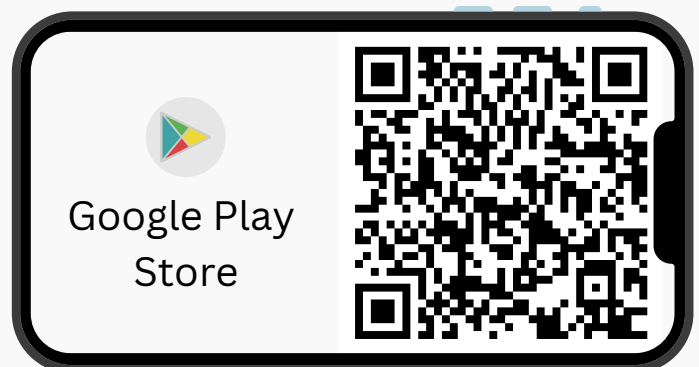
Now your password has been set up, you can log into the Parent Portal by going to login.arbor.sc and inputting your email address and password.

If you have a child at more than one Arbor school, you will be asked to select the appropriate school. Enter your password, then click Log in.

If you can't log in, use the I'm a guardian link on the right-hand side to view troubleshooting tips.

DOWNLOADING THE PARENT APP BY ARBOR

The Arbor App is the mobile version of our Parent Portal, for use on mobile devices such as smartphones and tablets. Parents can download the Arbor App for free from either the Play store for Android phones or the App Store for IOS. You can download them by searching 'Arbor' on your App Store, clicking on the links below or even scanning the QR code if you have printed version.



GEORGRAPHY FIELD TRIP



Our Year 10 and Year 11 Geography students attended a field trip to the Surrey Hills.

Here, they compared a coppiced and managed woodland. Primary research was conducted, such as measuring the infiltration rates of soil, light intensity and plant and animal species richness. Students were fantastic and had an enjoyable day.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD



A record breaking 50 students have opted to take part in this years Duke of Edinburgh award.

Pupils have made a positive start to their volunteering skills (physical and skill sections).



GENTLE REMINDER



Mobile Phones

Churchmead School is a no mobile phone school. If mobile phones are seen by a member of staff, the phone will be removed. It will be returned either at the end of the lesson, end of the day or parents will be called to collect it. This will be dependent on how the student responds to the instruction and whether or not it's a repeat event.

Trainers

Recently there has been a number of students wearing black 'trainers' as school shoes. Please see the images below - these trainers/types of black shoes are not allowed and are not part of the school uniform. It is our understanding that some sports shops are labelling these trainers as school shoes, this however is not the case. Any sports logo is not permitted as school shoes.



GENTLE REMINDER CONTINUED.....



Sickness/Medical

If your child feels unwell or sick, they must visit the Medical Room first and if needed, then we can contact a Parent/Carer to collect them. Please note, students must not contact the Parent/Carer to collect them without coming to the Medical Room in the first instance.

Breakfast

Just a reminder that we have a Breakfast Club here for any children who don't get the chance to eat at home before coming into school. It's vital and the most important meal of the day!



KEY DATES

Term Ends :

Friday 10th February 2023

February Holiday:

Monday 13th February 2023 to Friday 17th February 2023

Term Commences:

Monday 20th February 2023

Yr8 Options Evening:

Thursday 9th March 2023

INSET Day:

Friday 24th March 2023 (School closed to pupils)

Term Ends:

Friday 31st March 2023

You can keep up to date with all of Churchmead's news on social media:

