

CHURCHMEAD SCHOOL

February 2024 Newsletter



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the school continues to celebrate life in all its fullness it has been very encouraging to see students embrace new opportunities in the school and in the community.

In response to New Year resolutions, we have had a fresh focus on uniform, being on time and classroom expectations. I have been very pleased with the student and parent response and would like to thank parents for their support and commitment going forward. We will be continuing this focus into the new term and with a continued focus on achieving the very best in lessons.

Our excellent careers programme has continued to grow with a range of programmes being delivered in the school. Various local companies have supported the programme and provided our students with a valuable insight into the world of work.

Today with “Jonathan’s Rainforest Road Show” our Year 7 students had the opportunity to get up close with snakes, spiders, stick insects and various other amazing creatures. They thoroughly enjoyed the learning experience.

As we approach Lent we will be taking up the 40 challenges programme as in previous years. This is an opportunity for students to look at the example of Jesus in serving others.

I hope you have a good Half Term.

Chris Tomes
Headteacher

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Key Dates

Start of Term
Monday 19th February 2024

Year 8 Student Progress Meeting
Thursday 22nd February 2024

Showcase
Thursday 7th March 2024

Year 8 Options Evening
Thursday 14th March 2024

Red Nose Day
Friday 15th March 2024

Prizegiving
Thursday 21st March 2024

Year 12 Progress and Careers Evening
Wednesday 27th March 2024

End Of Term
Thursday 28th March 2024

Churchmead Guardian Angels



Congratulations to our fabulous new team of Churchmead Guardian Angels who provide peer support and mentoring to other students in school. Whether it be answering questions, providing support when things are tough or just being a friendly face when you are new, our Guardian Angels can be identified with the blue and purple ties.

National Apprenticeships Week



We have been raising awareness of apprenticeships and students have been exploring different career opportunities as part of National Apprenticeships Week. Thanks to the ASK programme for delivering a great presentation.

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Duke of Edinburgh

Our first three groups of Duke of Edinburgh students tried their hand at cooking a meal on a camp stove for the first time last week ahead of their expeditions this summer.

We are pleased to say everyone did a great job!



Revision Fair

Our Year 11 Revision Fair, where our students were given valuable advice and resources to prepare them for their exams, was a huge success. Good luck Year 11, we believe in you!



Chess Club



Our new Chess Club, lead by our Year 12 Student Leaders, has been very popular and even more competitive this term! Open to everyone - Tuesday lunchtimes in the Drama Room.



Food Glorious Food

Our new Chef, Ziggy, introduced us to Jamaican cuisine as part of a new initiative in the school canteen. Watch this space for more delicious new recipes and specials.



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Wild About Datchet

Churchmead School hosted the Wild About Datchet environmental event and our Eco Club participated. It was a huge success! The club designed and hand-made colourful posters to promote their bake sale stand, where they sold a variety of tasty pastries that they baked themselves. Their hard work paid off and they raised a significant amount of money to support future Eco Club initiatives.

The event also gave them an opportunity to develop their communication and marketing skills as they interacted with attendees and promoted their products. The most rewarding part of the event was the chance to talk to professionals and learn more about environmental conservation in the Datchet and wider Berkshire area.



School Grounds Improvements:

This term students put up a variety of bird houses to support smaller birds living on the school site. Teresa, Becket, Faith and Victor now all have bird houses hanging, proudly waiting for new residents to move in. Furthermore, the club plans to sow wildflowers in a nature area of the school site to promote biodiversity. Next term we will be targeting litter and will be participating in the Great British Spring Clean. This campaign runs from March 15th-31st and encourages schools, community groups and individuals to get out and help tidy their local community.

Jack and the Beanstalk

A huge round of applause to Churchmead students Edward, Toby, Ronnie, Ellie, Rose and Amy and the fabulous cast of the Wraysbury Players, who took part in “Jack in the Beanstalk” - another successful production!

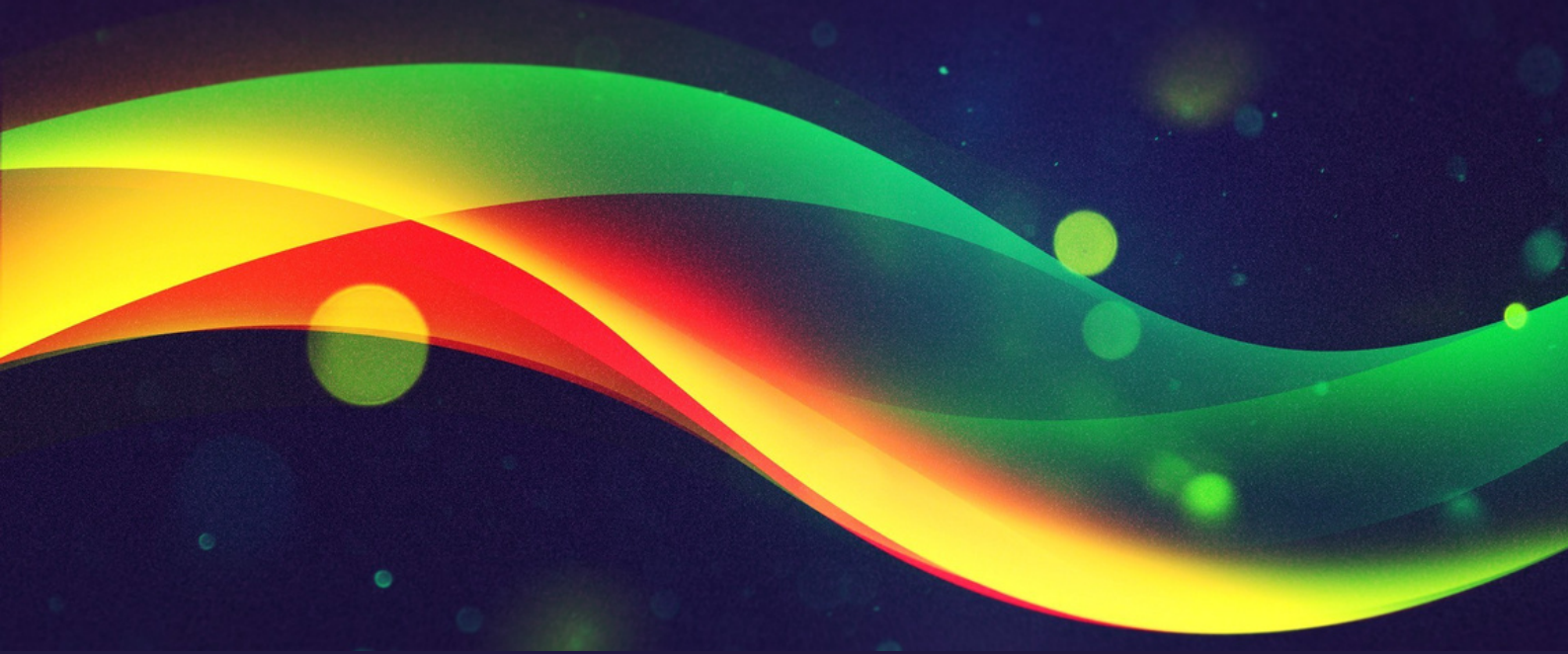


Taekwondo Silver Medalist



Churchmead student, Adam Ouznadj, represented England in the Taekwondo International Irish Championships, placing second overall. What an achievement, congratulations Adam!

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