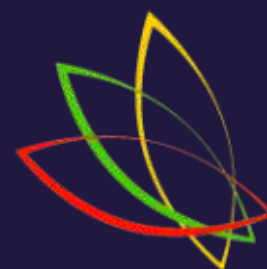


# CHURCHMEAD SCHOOL

July 2024 Newsletter



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## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of this academic year, it has been so uplifting to see how our students have continued to flourish in their school life. Recently, we hosted our annual Sports Day - thank you to all the parents who supported on the day. It was a real highlight to the summer term. The Drama production also took place at the end of term. This was an inspirational adaptation of Romeo and Juliet. The gifts and talents of our students shone through in their performances. Our newly appointed student leadership team have started their new term extremely well, contributing to a variety of different activities and aspects of school life. Their sense of duty and service towards others has been very encouraging to see and we look forward to even more from them in the year ahead. In July, we welcomed our new students to the school from Year 6. We had a fantastic day and are looking forward to them joining the school in September. Our Sixth Form continues to go from strength to strength. Recently, students took part in a study programme at Eton College, they are now busy looking at the year ahead to secure university and apprenticeship courses. The Sixth Form transition and taster days also were a great success as we look to continue to offer a rich variety of A Level courses. I wrote to parents about our exciting new building project that has already started. The building work serves as a reminder of how important good foundations are in living life in all its fullness.

Let me take this opportunity to wish you all a peaceful and restful summer break and we look forward to reopening our doors and welcoming you back in September.

Chris Tomes  
Headteacher

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## Key Dates

### GCSE Results Day

Thursday 22nd August

### Start of Term - Year 7 & Year 12 only

Wednesday 4th September

### Start of Term - Whole School

Thursday 5th September

### End Of Term

Friday 25th October

### October Holiday

Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November

## PTA NEWS 23/24 academic year round up

In true Churchmead spirit we 'believe to achieve' and have achieved so much this year. PTA funds have been used to provide a photo booth for this Year 11 prom, new frames for the school's Art Department to showcase the fabulous GCSE artworks and of course the costumes and props for the amazing drama performances this year. We hope that you were able to see 'A Christmas Carol' in December and the recent '#R&J', and hope that you were able to appreciate the added 'extra' the costumes and props make towards our actors and audience experience.

Our wonderful PTA gang also provided raffles at the play performances with prizes ranging from facial treatment vouchers, fancy perfumes, signed cookbooks, wine and lots of other lovely treats, these were able to top-up the PTA funds by over £500 and our Easyfundraising supporters have raised £125 of free donations - with another £270 on the way!

We are always looking for great raffle prizes – so if you work for or know a local business that can support our PTA please get in touch!

We hope that all Parents, Teachers and students have a wonderful summer break, don't forget easyfundraising for all your online back to school shopping! And keep an eye out for PTA activities next year, why not come along to the next meeting to find out more?

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/churchmeadpta>  
[pta@churchmead.org](mailto:pta@churchmead.org) if you would like to find how to be involved in the PTA.





## Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award



Our second group of 14 students, making up three teams, spent the weekend orienteering around Gerrards Cross and the Chilterns on their Duke of Edinburgh Expedition in mid June.

Staying at the PACCAR scout campsite, they put what they had learnt in the previous six months about setting up their own tents, how to plan and cook dinner on a camp stove, to good use.



The Duke of Edinburgh Award, founded by the late Prince Philip in 1957, involves a set of challenges for young people to help their community and environment, increase fitness, develop new skills and complete an independent outdoors expedition. It is a voluntary, non-competitive and flexible programme of cultural and adventurous activities.



The teams completed a two day (one night) outdoor expedition despite the rain, having done three months of volunteering and improving a skill.



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## Prefect Announcements



With our Year 11's leaving following their exams, we were delighted to welcome a new cohort of prefects from Year 10. These students have shown true courage, compassion and commitment (our school values) both within school and in the community.

Congratulations to our Gold Tie Prefects:

Daniel B, Georgia D, Akpesiri E, Edward H, Kaaviya K, Isha M, Aaliyah M, Christine M, Shashwat P, Laxmi S, Baseerat S, Rose W, Ellie W

And a massive well done to our new Prefects:

Lianne H, Alesha M, Melissa L, Alvina B, Ashlina M, Reeba A, Zahra H, Emily E-G, Alex B, Connor D-R, Max M-B, Ella C





## Year 9 and 10 Food Tech Trip to Dr Chocs

Our Year 9 and 10 Food Tech students took a trip to Dr Chocs in Windsor, for a chocolate making workshop. Students learnt about the process of getting the cocoa bean from farm to fork, and even had a go at creating their own bars of milk chocolate learning about moulds and flavour combinations. The bars made it back to school, although we're sure some got eaten before they got home!



## Year 10 Trip to London Tech Week



Our Year 10 Computer Science students attended London Tech Week at Olympia in London. It was a great opportunity to meet with Tech entrepreneurs, industry leaders and innovators to see what career possibilities there may be in the Tech industry.

## SEGro Spotlight on Health & Wellbeing

As part of our continued careers development, some of our Year 10 students got the chance to take part in a L2W workplace encounter at SEGRO, focusing on Health and Wellbeing. Students met industry experts and were able to discuss their pathways into their specific field. Churchmead students were grouped with other schools and we are thrilled to announce that our students were part of both the winning team and 2nd team! They were a credit to the school and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



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## Christian Aid



The whole school have been involved in raising money for Christian Aid this term, living the school values of compassion and commitment. All year groups took part in a sponsored walk raising over £900, in addition to a bake sale arranged by our Food Tech students and sports activities organised by the PE Department.

Thank you to all those who donated, no matter how much.



## Support for Sport

In June, students and staff showed "Support for Sport" by wearing our club colours or their team kits to raise money for equipment in the PE Department. There was a wide range of activities on offer including penalty shoot outs and hula hoop, as well as an ice cream sale!





## Garther Ceremony



We were thrilled to be invited to take a group of students to watch the Procession of the Most Noble Order of the Garter at Windsor Castle. King Charles, Queen Camilla, Prince's William and Edward, Princess Anne, even Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber, were in attendance.

## Flying Theatre Company



The Flying Theatre Company came to school and performed in French for our Year 7 students and in Spanish for Year 8. The show included circus skills and language using vocabulary covered throughout the year in class, with topics including animals, food, directions, weather and family members. The students were engaged and there was an amazing energy (and lots of noise!) whilst students were putting their language skills into practice.

## Drama Production - #R&J

Our production of "#R&J", a modern adaptation of Romeo and Juliet written by our very own Mrs Harrington, was inspirational as were the individual student performances.

The character development by each of the students was so good to see and every part of the production came together to produce something very unique, with a strong message. As always, it was a great evening. Congratulations to the cast, crew and staff involved.



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## Year 12 UCAS Registration

Applying to university can be a long and complicated task with lots of steps, so we were grateful to our friends at Ranelagh College in Bracknell, who came in to give some 1:1 help to our Year 12 students to fill in the forms and write their personal statements, ahead of their university applications through UCAS.



## Year 12 Welcome Day

We hosted a Year 12 welcome day this term to give students an opportunity to explore a wide range of subjects, as well as meet the teachers and get familiar with the school. It was great to see some new faces of external candidates, as well as some of our existing Year 11's again.





## RBWM Borough Games

Churchmead were delighted to attend the RBWM Borough Games event at TVAC, where schools from across the Borough competed in a range of track and field events. We attended with teams of students from all year groups and while many had good event results, all showed great sportsmanship throughout the day, supporting each other, and those from other schools.



## Sports Day 2024

What a tremendous day Sports Day was! All students who took part gave it their all and we had multiple school records broken across track and field events. There was some great athleticism and sportsmanship shown and we were very proud of all our students who attended.



Congratulations to your house winners; Year 7 - Becket House,  
Year 8 - Victor House, Year 9 - Theresa House, Year 10 - Becket House  
And your overall winning house is.... FAITH HOUSE



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## End of Year Trips

We were delighted to be able to offer an end of year trip to all year groups this year. Years 7, 8 and 9 all went to Big Hat Bushcamp in Lyne, Surrey. The aim of Big Hat Bushcamp is to give children and adults the ultimate bushcraft experience and leave all who visit with the knowledge and confidence to safely enjoy the outdoors. Students were taught about how to safely use tools to build and light fires, campfire cooking, shelter building, navigation, woodcraft, and traditional bushcraft skills. All the activities were designed to promote teamwork and encourage leadership, which the students all had great fun with.



Our Year 10 Students went to PACCAR Scout Camp in Gerrards Cross where they had the opportunity to take part in climbing, high ropes, rifle shooting, archery, zip wire and a gladiator challenge, all under the expert instruction of PACCAR guides.





## Year 11 Leavers Celebration Class of 2024



All Year 11 students were invited to attend a special celebration assembly as we said a fond farewell to them all. Everyone at Churchmead would like to wish them all the best for the summer, their exam results and whatever the future holds for them.



## Prom 2024

Our “A night in Paris” themed Year 11 Prom was a huge success with so many students attending and having a great time, with Mohammed and Sascha being crowned Prom King and Queen.

Thank you to everyone that made this possible. Don't they all look wonderful!



## GCSE Results Day

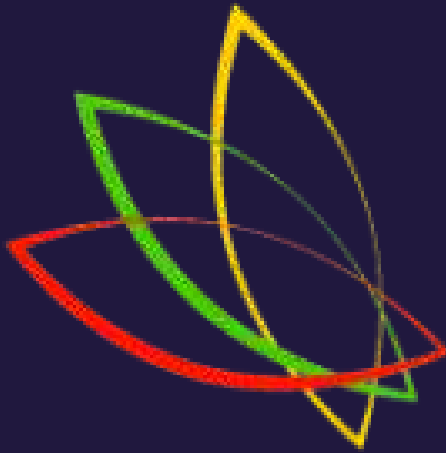
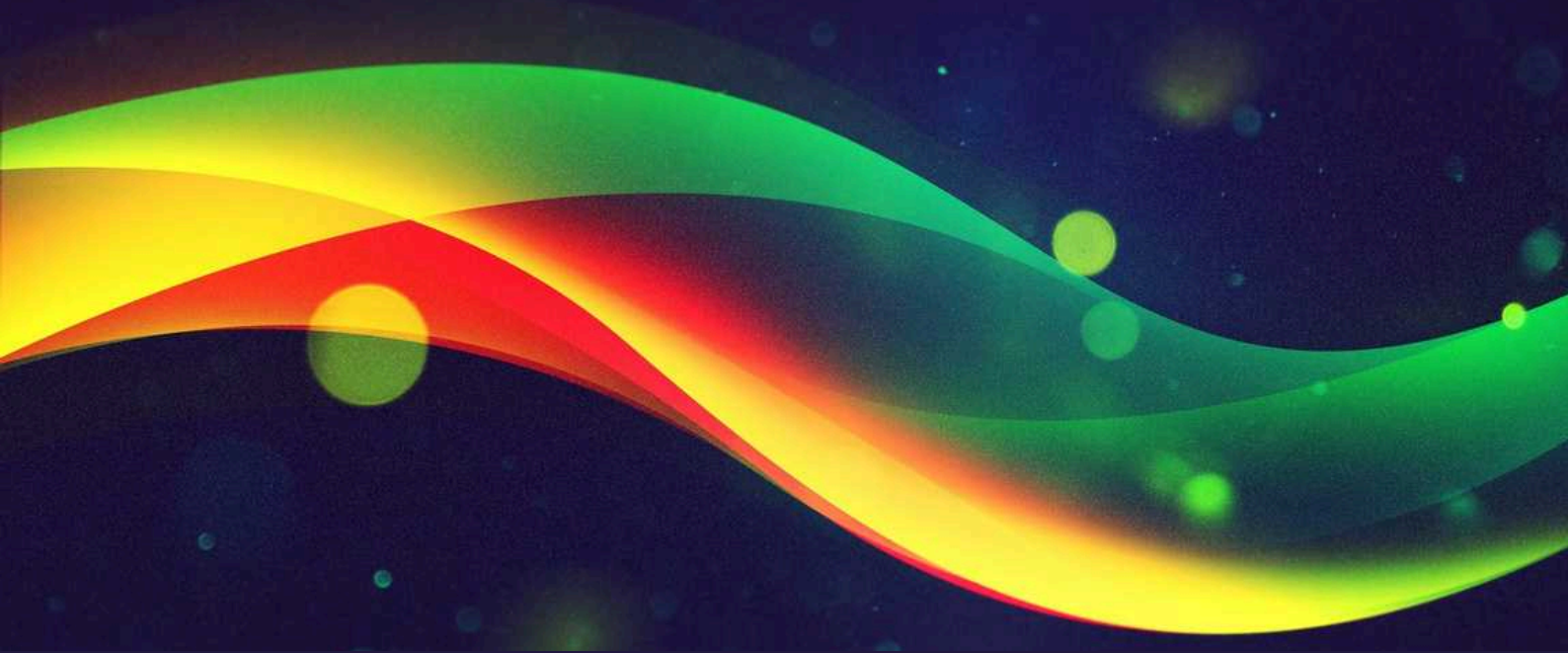
We look forward to welcoming students back on Thursday 22nd August to receive their GCSE exam results. The school will be open from 9am until 12pm.

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