

ISSUE 4 - MARCH 2023

CHURCHMEAD NEWSLETTER



A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have so much to celebrate this term. Students have taken part and helped to organise a broad range of events and activities right across the school. World Book Day aimed at promoting reading in all our young people, it was a great success with a fantastic array of different characters being represented by students and staff. Our older students represented the school at the Mock Trial competition in Reading and had an amazing day, giving them real insight into the different career paths linked to the magistrate court. Year 11's are busy getting ready for their final GCSE exams.

Easter is a time of transformation and 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 I look forward to the summer term, when we can continue to celebrate the achievements of our students.

Chris Tomes
Headteacher



Ski Trip Italy 2023

Prize Giving 2023

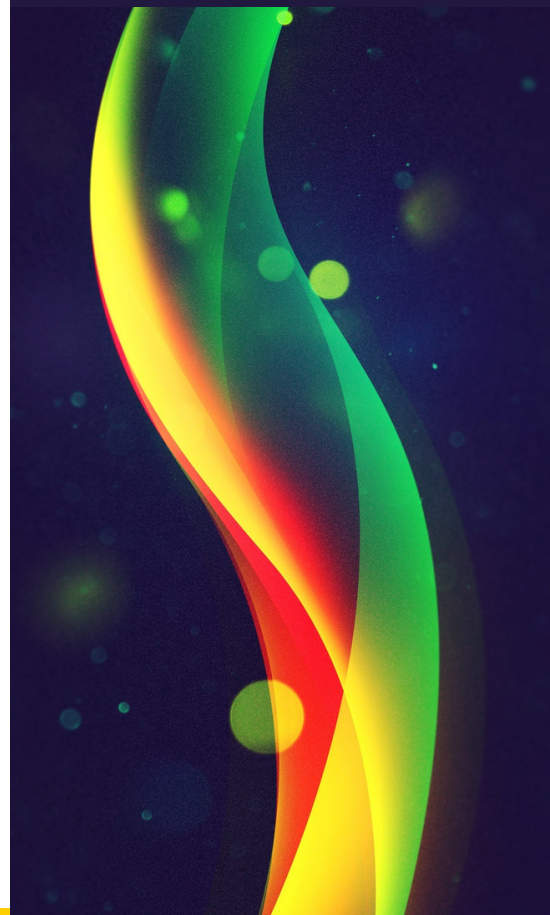
On Thursday 23rd March 2023 we had our annual Prize Giving and it was wonderful to praise students for their courage, compassion and commitment.

Students who have excelled in subjects received awards from their teachers and it was an inspirational evening for all.

Congratulations to everybody that won an award!



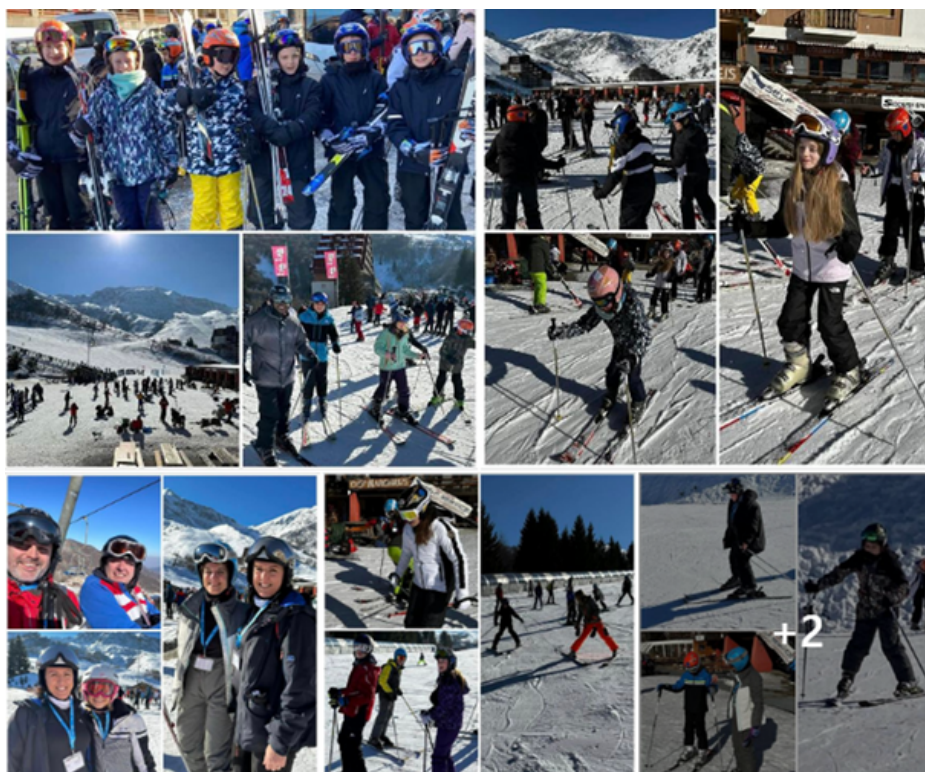
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Ski Trip

Our students and staff had the most incredible week in Italy in February Half Term and all showed such courage and commitment. Thank you to the organisers and to the dedicated staff who supported this life changing trip.



Enterprise Challenge Winners

We are incredibly proud to announce that our Year 9 team have won the regional final of the Enterprise Challenge! Their social enterprise idea was inspiring and their presentation to the judges was professional, confident and dynamic. Huge congratulations to them all!

Thank you to Prince's Trust Orange Business Services for hosting and to Learning to Work for such a fantastic opportunity for young people. #hattrick



Fantastic work in Literacy

Some amazing work from Maia Whitsitt and Florence Wood during Literacy interventions. Here is an example of their work which is focused on the context, the main themes and characters of two different stories.



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Magistrates Mock Trials

We are so proud of our students who took part in the Magistrates Mock Trials. They were consummate professionals in court and presented well throughout the detailed cases. Congratulations to them all!



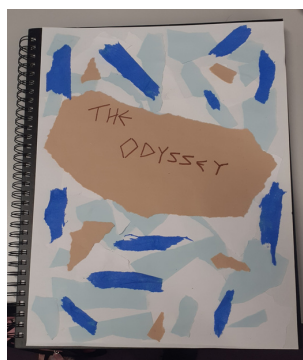
Surrey University visit

Some of our Year 9 students had a trip to the University of Surrey. As part of the day, students received workshops on Post-16 Career Options. They then worked in groups, using skills relating to Science and Maths, building their own bridges, rafts and towers. Students then enjoyed a lovely lunch on campus, followed by a tour with the Student Ambassadors. Thank you to the University of Surrey and to our staff for organising such a valuable day.



Myths, Heroes and Legends Club

Since September, an exciting new club has started every week in the library: Myths, Heroes and Legends! This is an opportunity for students to explore Myths and Legends through their creativity and engage in an interactive project based environment. From September students have been reading the Greek myths and this term we have begun reading the Odyssey. "It's amazing, the best club and it's fun!" says Bethany Issit. "It's creative and I like to study Greek classics" Magnus Monemar - Brown and Gracie-Mae Hipwell added. Students have been drawing pictures and writing quotes for the display of the myths we have studied (pictured below). We have also started creating our own Odyssey! Through this students have the opportunity to travel through the fantastic and famous stories of Odysseus adventure.



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Students take part in fantastic night of Poetry

Poetry by Heart is a National competition where participants choose a poem or poems, learn it by heart and perform it out loud. We upload our entries and wait for the announcement of who has been selected at Shakespeare's Globe later on in the year.

Our participants were entered into the national competition and the showcase was an opportunity for them to practice their poems in front of a live audience and receive feedback from a panel of judges.

There were two winners announced from each category - classical and freestyle. Congratulations to Anjishnu Roy Choudhury for winning the classical category and to Rose and Ellie Wordham for winning the freestyle category.

Well done to all those who took part in the Poetry by Heart competition in the library. It was a fantastic event and a great night listening to poetry.



Churchmead dress up for World Book Day

It was great to see everyone who took part in Churchmead World Book Day. World Book Day changes lives through a love of books and reading with the mission of promoting reading for pleasure. World Book Day was created as a worldwide celebration of books and reading. By dressing up as favourite characters from books, we not only celebrate reading, but we also create a space where we can encourage and enthuse about reading.



French Exchange Students

It was a really wonderful day with our students from France. They took part in lessons, played volleyball and some incredible football - it was wonderful to see all students making friendships and learning about each other's cultures. Thank you to our MFL department and to all staff who supported this special day.



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Cultural Week

We held our Churchmead Cultural Week on 13th March 2023. During this week we celebrated different cultures across the school. We shared food, wore cultural clothing and made space to focus on the diversity within our school community. We applaud our student leaders who led this and are so proud of our diverse and vibrant community here at Churchmead.



Student Football

On 2nd March 2023 Year 7, Year 11 and staff came together for an epic football match at lunchtime. Well done to everyone who organized and took part in this match. The students said this was a fantastic activity and it has also encouraged students to play sport at lunchtime.



Applying for free school meals



APPLY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS



SCAN QR CODE TO ACCESS ONLINE FORM

It's quick and easy using the online form at: <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/rbwm/> or scan the QR code

Your child will be eligible for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and 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 £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' – the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

✉ Please contact Heid David if you need help applying – hdauid@churchmead.org

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ParentPay

Just a gentle reminder to top up your child's ParentPay account regularly to give them access to food and drink in the school canteen.

You can also set up email and text alerts in ParentPay to remind you of the remaining balance.

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Key Dates

Term Ends:

Friday 31st March 2023

Easter Holidays:

Monday 3rd April - Friday 14th April 2023

Term Commences:

Monday 17th April 2023

Year 9 Student Progress Meeting

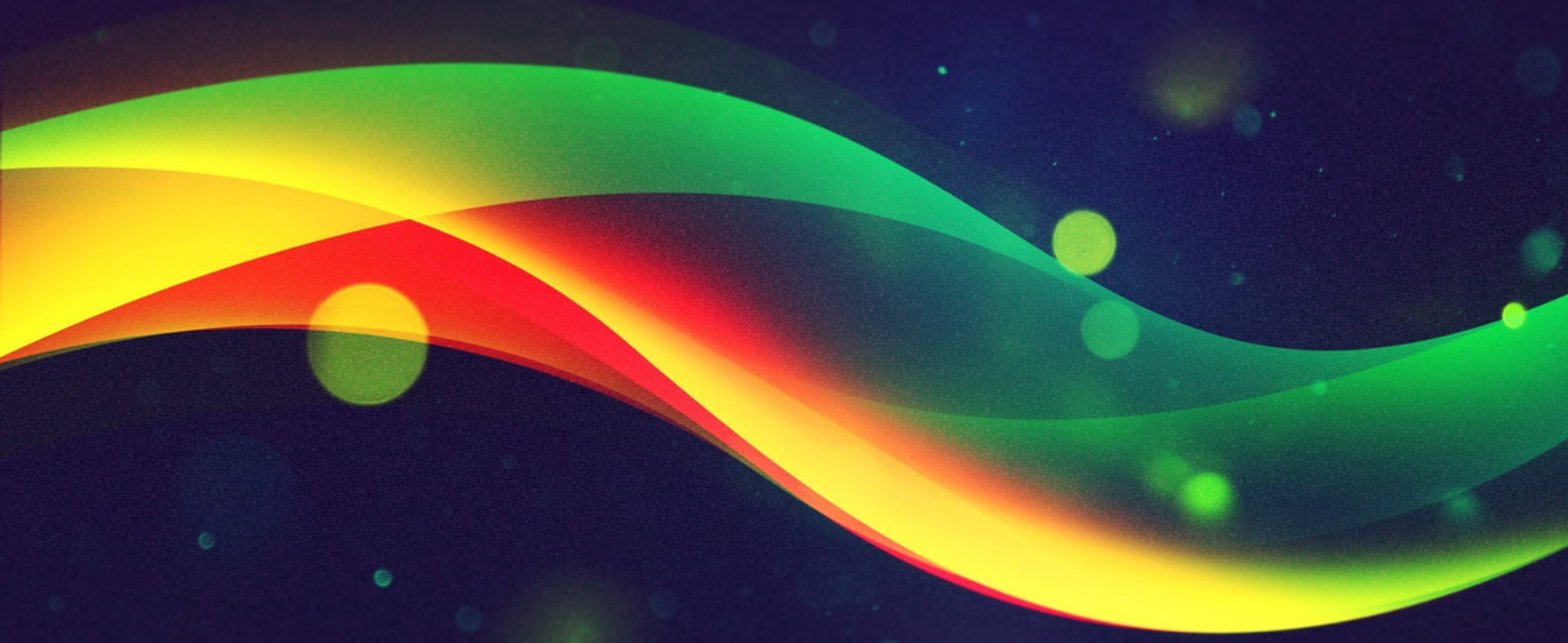
Thursday 27th April 2023

Term Ends:

Friday 26th May 2023

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