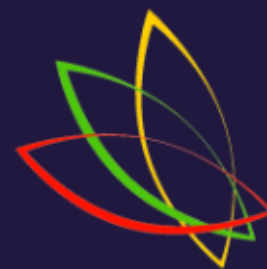


# CHURCHMEAD SCHOOL

May 2024 Newsletter



## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term we have moved forward on a number of key projects. We are currently finalising our exciting new building project for next year, in which we are building 6 new classrooms, a new gym provision, music practice rooms and additional meeting rooms. This will be a substantial investment into the school site and we are looking forward to all works being completed by January.

Year 11 are half way through their exams and as they prepare for the final few weeks we wish them well. A reminder that the next exam is Maths Paper 2 on Monday 3rd June.

We are now busy preparing for the summer term and life in all its fullness will be a clear theme throughout, with many different opportunities and activities for students to get involved with, including our annual Sports Day on Friday 12th July.

At Churchmead we are very proud of the many different languages spoken and the opportunity students have in developing first and second languages. In the Christian Calendar we are now in the time of Pentecost and it serves as a reminder of the gift of communication and sharing good news across different backgrounds and cultures.

I hope you have a restful half term break.

Thank you for your continued support.

Chris Tomes  
Headteacher

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## **Key Dates**

### **Start of Term**

Monday 3rd June

### **Duke of Edinburgh 2nd Expedition**

Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th June

### **Year 7 Progress Evening**

Thursday 20th June

### **Year 12 Induction Day (TBC)**

Tuesday 25th June

### **Year 11 Prom**

Thursday 27th June

### **Year 7 PPE Exams**

Monday 1st - Friday 5th July

### **Year 6 Induction Evening**

Tuesday 2nd July

### **Sports Day**

Friday 12th July

### **Drama Production**

Wednesday 17th & Thursday 18th July

### **End Of Term**

Tuesday 23rd July



## Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award



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.



Our first group of 19 students, making up three teams, have spent the past six months planning, and training to complete a two day (one night) outdoor expedition which took place around Gerrards Cross in May, plus three months of volunteering and improving a skill.



The weekend involved orienteering, setting up their own tents, working as a team, planning meals and cooking them on camping stoves and hiking, all without the use of electronics.



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## Engineering wins at BCA competition



Congratulations to all three of our teams from Years 9 and 10 who took part in the Newbury District Agricultural Society Design Make and Market Challenge. We are so proud to announce that Churchmead took 1st, 2nd and 3rd place!

1st place: Agricultural Vision - created a reverse filtration device to use in flood areas to prevent flooding fields for farmers which can lead to lower yields and loss of income (Ava Martin, Oliver Long and Nehemy Bentil)

2nd place: AquaSafe - created a water filtration system to put on locks in order to remove microplastics which contaminate the water (Archie Hopkins, Callan Dos Santos, Rose Wordham and Ellie Wordham)

3rd place: Prime Garden - created a greenhouse that automatically pops up when unloaded from the lorry (Harry Brown, Cayden Foster, Aaron Jamgotre and David Radu)



## Army Outreach and Skills Day

The Army Outreach team visited Churchmead to deliver a team building and elite skills workshop to Year 9. It was a great opportunity to show off some leadership skills from our students.





## Careers - SEGro Spotlight on Construction

Year 10 students attended a spotlight session on Construction at SEGRO in Slough, hearing from a variety of employers within the construction industry and discussing the careers and opportunities available to them. They were challenged with the planning, designing and building of a new unit on Bath Road, which involved our students branching out and working with students from other schools.



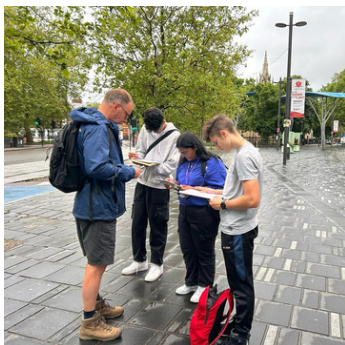
## UCAS Careers Discovery Day



Our Year 12 students had a really informative and valuable day at the UCAS Discovery in Farnborough. Students met with university representatives from all over the country and were able to discuss their future desired courses. They left with prospectuses, information about the applications and some treats too! We wish them luck with their UCAS applications going forward.

## Year 12 Geography Trip

Year 12 Geography students spent the day in Stratford looking at urban regeneration between postcodes E15 and E20. They visited the Olympic Park, Velodrome, UCL and Westfield Shopping Centre, which have all undergone vast regeneration and compared it to old Stratford, which is still waiting for funding to develop this area.



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## Sports Day - Save the Date

Our all school Sports Day will be held on

**Friday 12th July**

at

**Thames Valley Athletics Centre, Pococks Lane, Windsor**

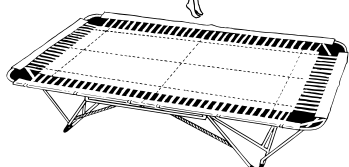
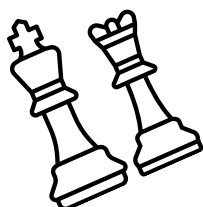
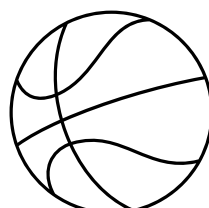
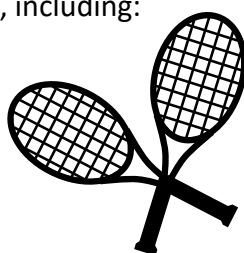


Parents are invited to attend, to help cheer on those participating in events such as long jump, 200m running and javelin. All students are expected to attend, to support, even if they are not taking part in an event. More information will be sent at the start of next term.

## Extra Curricular Clubs

Every term we run a selection of extra curricular clubs, during and after school, including:

Dance  
Futsal  
Chess  
Fitness  
Choir  
Basketball  
Eco  
Rounders  
Guitar  
Tennis  
Myths, Hero's & Legends  
Trampolining  
Badminton  
Cricket



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## Good Luck to our Year 11's

Wishing our current Year 11 students all the best of luck as they start to sit their GCSE exams this term and next. We're so proud of how hard every single one is working to be their best!



## Thanks to Tesco Mobile

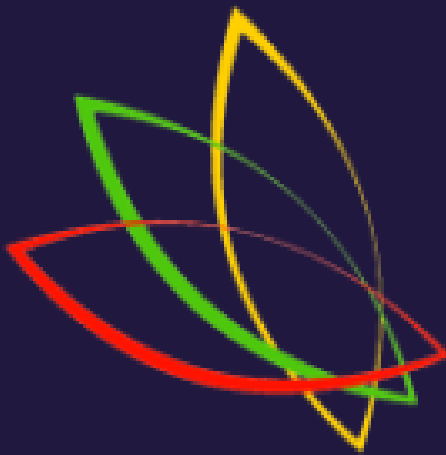
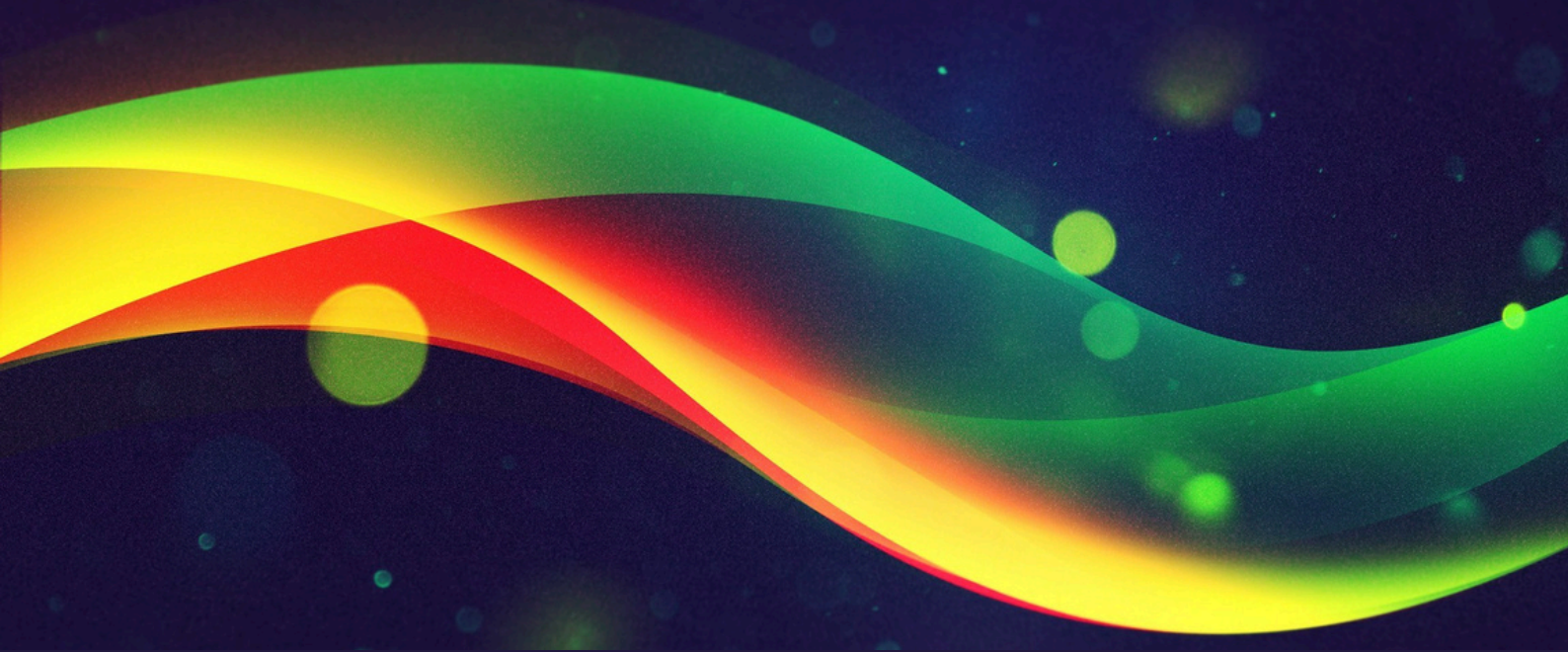
A massive thank you to Deepak Saini for reaching out to Churchmead and donating various equipment as the Tesco Mobile office in Slough closed. The school will benefit from items such as desks, mobile whiteboards and cameras.



## Cheerleading World Champion

Year 9 student Sky, brought home the gold and became a World Champion as part of Team England, at the World Cheerleading Championships in Florida in April. The win made history, being the first team to ever beat the USA since the competition started in 2004. Well done Sky!





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