

CHURCHMEAD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 2

A message from the Headteacher



Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the Christmas holidays, there is so much to give thanks for and celebrate. Our students led an inspirational Christmas service at St. Mary's last Thursday. On Friday, we enjoyed wearing our Christmas sweaters into school to raise money for Save the Children. The school's drama production on Monday and Tuesday was absolutely sensational. The students had worked so hard in the previous weeks, and everyone went away truly amazed at what had been achieved.

I'd like to remind Year 11 students to make the most of their Christmas break by focusing on GCSE exam revision.

Thank you for your support this term as we have lived out our vision of life in all its fullness. I hope you have a wonderful Christmas.

Chris Tomes
Headteacher



Churchmead
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to raise money for BBC
Children in Need



CHRISTMAS SERVICE



We had an incredibly uplifting Christmas Church Service on Thursday 8th December.

Thank you to Reverend Janet for the blessing and to our wonderful choir, readings and drama performers for letting their light and talent shine out.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH & CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



Staff and students shared a Christmas dinner on Wednesday, December 14, and it was also the second Christmas Jumper Day for everyone. It was a festive day, and it was wonderful to get everyone together to celebrate the Christmas season. Thank you so much to our amazing canteen staff and everyone who assisted. The food was amazing.



A CHURCHMEAD CHRISTMAS CHRONICLE



Our Christmas production this year was our adaptation of the Narnia chronicles, and our students were absolutely incredible.

They were able to transport the audiences into another world and created performances that were professional, confident and utterly mesmerising.

The production showcased talent from all year groups and both shows were a sell out!

Huge congratulations to the cast and crew for such uplifting, magical performances.



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ROMANS 12:10

TRIP TO ITALY



The geography trip to Italy was attended by fifty students and five teachers in November. Across four days, they visited areas along the Bay of Naples, the city of Sorrento, and explored places such as Herculaneum, Vesuvius, and Pompeii.

It was a fantastic trip!



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JONATHAN'S JUNGLE ROADHOW



Thank you to Jonathan's Jungle Roadshow for a wonderfully informative and exhilarating day for our Year 7 students. They loved being able to learn about and handle some incredible creatures! Thanks also to Mrs Reidy for organising this enriching day.



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YEAR 7 FOOTBALL



Year 7 football: Well done Churchmead! We finished 3rd out of 12 schools, beating St Joseph's 7-2 in the Bronze Final.



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The Poetry By Heart contestants, here at Churchmead, took time out from learning their competition poems and came together to learn and record this poem, in just four hours, for the Poetry By Heart Advent Calendar. If you would like to see the video then please go to:

www.poetrybyheart.org.uk/advent-calendar/

The sky is black tonight;
Coal-black, crow-black.
But in that black
Is the white-bright light
Of a star.



That star has a gift tonight:
A birth-gift, for-all-the-earth-gift.
For in that star
Is a fly-by-night:
Is a bird!

That bird has a song tonight:
A love-song, high above-song.
And in that song
Is the silver tongue
Of a bell.

That bell has a wish tonight;
A bell-wish, a well-wish.
And the wish
In the bell
In the song
In the bird
In the star

In the black
In the sky
Is Peace.
Is Peace.
Is Peace.

The Sky Is Black Tonight by
Berlie Doherty



GCSE CERTIFICATE EVENING AND DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARDS



On November 24, we held our annual Presentation of GCSE Certificate Evening, along with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Ceremony, at Churchmead School.

The evening was a wonderful celebration of our students' successes in the 2022 exams and combined the awarding of certificates with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

We were delighted to be joined by Mr. Tanweer Ikram, a former Slough Boys Grammar School student who was appointed by the Queen as Deputy Senior District Judge (Chief Magistrate), one of the highest positions in the judiciary. Mr. Ikram presented the awards and certificates to the cohort of 2022 and also gave an inspirational speech to our students. The guest speaker was incredible and truly inspirational to everyone there. Students say, "I want to be like him."

Once again, we congratulate our students on their superb successes. We are very proud of you all!

Mr Tomes



Just a reminder that the deadline for both internal and external applications is closed, but if you would like to book a tour or meet with a member of the Sixth Form team, please do contact us.



Dear Parents/Carers,

We are trying to raise funds for our school through our school PTA.

There is an app you can load onto your phone so that every time you buy online using stores such as Amazon, Ebay, Argos, Tesco and all main supermarkets etc, you click your Easyfundraising option and a % of your purchase cost is donated to our PTA.

Please see link below - when setting up choose Churchmead PTA as the charity to award.

With Christmas shopping online we could make substantial wins!

You shop. Your cause gets money. For free.

Join 2.1m people raising free donations via 6,000 shops & sites.

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/churchmeadpta/

EASYFUNDRAISING

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be raising free donations for Churchmead School with Easyfundraising?

There are over 7,000 brands on board ready to make a donation – including eBay, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com and M&S – and it won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds.

All you need to do is:

1. Go to Easyfundraising and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, the brand will make a donation to Churchmead School at no extra cost to you whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Churchmead School will be really grateful for your donations.

Thank you for your support.

SCHOOL UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS, NEW YEAR



Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are all well and getting ready for the festive season. In preparation for all students returning in the new year, this letter is a reminder of our uniform expectations.

We would ask your support in ensuring that your son/daughter has all the items as outlined in the school uniform section of our policy.

- Navy blazer with Churchmead logo
- Navy V neck jumper with Churchmead logo
- Churchmead tie (purchase from Churchmead)
- White shirt
- Boys- Grey school trousers
- Girls- Grey school skirt with a simple pleat (not pleated all the way round) or plain straight leg grey trousers.
- Grey or white socks.
- Smart Black shoes – NO trainers or boots, no heels or open toe.
- Black or navy coat with no logo
- Black school bag
- Jewellery- only one single stud in each ear for KS4 not KS3. No bracelets, rings or necklaces.

Please be aware that the following items are not permitted to be worn in school at any time:

- Hoodies (unless they are taking part in PE and it is a Churchmead School Hooded top)
- Trainers (black trainers are not school shoes)
- Fake nails / Long nails and nails varnish.
- Casual leisure; Chino/J Jeans/Lycra trousers/ Leggings.

Please be aware after Christmas, if students come to school in incorrect uniform, we will be asking you to support the school by coming and collecting your child to change into the correct uniform.

I appreciate your support and I very much look forward to seeing all students in the new year. If you require any information, please do contact the school via email.

Yours faithfully,

Ms R Jenkins
Assistant Headteacher



Churchmead
School Boys Blazer



Churchmead
School Boys PE
Polo Shirt



Churchmead
School Boys PE
Shorts



Churchmead
School Girls Blazer



Churchmead
School Girls PE
Polo Shirt



Churchmead
School Hoodie



Churchmead
School Jumper



Churchmead
School PE Socks



Churchmead
School Rugby
Jersey



Churchmead
School Skort



Churchmead
School Track Pants



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KEY DATES



Christmas holiday -

Monday 19th December to Monday 2nd January 2023

Term 3 commences for staff and pupils -

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Yr10 Student Progress Meeting -

Thursday 19th January 2023

INSET Day –

Friday 27th January 2023 - (School closed to pupils)

Yr8 Student Progress Meeting -

Thursday 9th February 2023

Term Ends -

Friday 10th February 2023

February Holiday:

Monday 13th February 2023 to Friday 17th February 2023

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



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