

CHURCHMEAD

Summer Term Newsletter



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of this academic year there is a great deal to give thanks for as our students and staff have lived and celebrated life in all its fullness. It is so uplifting to see how our students continue to flourish in their school life.

In June we hosted our first musical showcase which was a great success. Learning beyond the classroom has been an important theme this term. Our annual Sports Day, visits to Windsor Castle, the Great Park, The Globe Theatre and the British Library are just a few of the many cultural experiences students took up this term.

Our new student leadership team have started their new term in office very well contributing to many aspects of our school life. They are a dynamic group with a clear vision of what they want to achieve in this next year. In July we welcomed our new students to the school from Year 6. We are looking forward to them joining the school in September and the opportunity to get to know new parents.

Our reading strategy is going very well. Thank you to Parents/Carers for supporting this strategy and encouraging reading at home. Students and staff have enjoyed sharing insights into the various books they have been reading. Please continue to support reading over the Summer holiday.

May I wish you a very happy Summer break.

Chris Tomes
Headteacher



Kelsea Hughes

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Art and Photography Show - Year 11

This term we held our Churchmead Art and Photography Show - an exhibition that displayed the creative work of GCSE Art and Photography. It was incredible to see the huge amount of talent, creativity and passion in these works. Well done to our Year 11 students and thank you to the Art and Photography Department for hosting such a special event.



Calvin Mendes



Amber Behan

Knights of the Garter Trip - Year 7

Some of our Year 7 students went to watch the procession of the most Nobel Order of the Garter.

They saw the King and then enjoyed some ice cream. It was a great day at Windsor Castle.



Duke of Edinburgh Awards - Year 9

Well done to our Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award students for completing their expedition. They showed fantastic resilience and teamwork - we are extremely proud of them.



Poetry by Heart Trip - Years 8 and 9

We took our Poetry by Heart students to watch the live final at the Globe Theatre in London. It was an inspiring day listening to student performances, as well as those from professional poets. A fantastic experience.



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Wonderland

This summer we produced our school play, Wonderland - our own adaptation of the Alice in Wonderland story by Lewis Carroll. The students worked so hard and performed amazingly well. Thank you to all of those who helped with the show, and well done to our fantastic students for such an amazing production.



Performing Arts Showcase



Well done to all those who took part in the Performing Arts Showcase. It was a fantastic evening of singing, dancing and acting pieces performed by the students. It was a brilliant event that truly showcased the amazing talent Churchmead has to offer. Well done to all the acts that took part and thank you to those who organised this fantastic evening.

Year 11 Last Day and Prom

On the 29th June we said goodbye to our Year 11 students, having finished their GCSE examinations. In the morning they came to school to sign shirts and eat breakfast together, followed by a special Leavers Assembly. In the evening they attended their Prom, which was an amazing night. We are very proud of them all and wish them well in their results and next stage of education.



Sports Day



On Friday 30th June we held our Sports Day and were so impressed with all of the incredible athletes! It was wonderful to have so many parents come and support too. Huge thanks to all the staff and well done to our winners, record breakers and to Teresa House for retaining their title!

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Year 12 Welcome Day

On 28th June we held our Year 12 Welcome Day. This was a chance to learn more about the A Level courses on offer at Churchmead and what to expect in Year 12 in September. They left with lots of resources to help them prepare and we are looking forward to their next chapter here at Churchmead.



New Year 7 Transition Day

On 4th July we welcomed our Year 6, soon to be our new Year 7, students into school. They had a wonderful transition day making new friends, getting to know their teachers and the school. It was great to meet parents in the evening too and we are looking forward to them joining our Churchmead family in September.

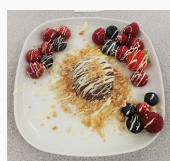
Design & Technology - Year 8

In Year 8 Design and Technology (STEM), we have been working on renewable energy resources, how we are running out of fossil fuels and with the cost of living rising at an alarming rate, we were looking at sustainable forms of energy resources. Students had to work in groups and come up with their own solutions, for example building houses with better insulating materials and building windmills for alternative forms of generating electricity. Oli of 8T did a marvelous job with his construction of the windmill. His model was used as an example and inspiration for the other Year 8 students.



Catering - Year 9

The Year 9 Catering group had a competition on plating and presentation using Tunnock's Teacakes. Here are some of the fantastic examples:



2nd place - Laura Pietka



3rd place - Alice Peacock



1st place - Millie Cox

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Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Churchmead School's Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is on a right royal roll! Fund-raising from our regal Coronation selfie station at the village fete and school event raffles has supported school theatre productions and provided a photo-booth at the Year 11 Prom, helping to make it a night to remember.

Open to all parents, the PTA aims to support the school, the students and the community, and raises funds for initiatives that help our students achieve their full potential.

Our next meeting is on the 18th October at 6pm at the school and everyone is welcome!

What can you do?

Today:

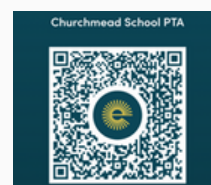
- Add the above meeting into your diary – 6pm 18.10.23
- Follow @churchmeadpta on Facebook & @churchmeadschoolpta on Instagram for news and social events & sign up for more information at pta@churchmead.org

This Week: Go Shopping!

- Sign up to our Easy Fundraising account: [Easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/Churchmeadpta](https://easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/Churchmeadpta)
- Easy Fundraising is the UK's biggest charity shopping site. You simply log on to the website, do your online shopping and their huge list of retailer partners such as Tesco, Sainsburys, Amazon, Boots, Argos, Ebay, John Lewis, Sky & ASOS will automatically donate a percentage of your spend to our PTA.

This Year:

- Come to our events, support our initiatives, buy our raffle tickets, volunteer to help.
- We are also looking for great raffle prizes – so if you work for a local business that can support our PTA please get in touch!



The Newbury and District Agricultural Society

On 10th July we had Jan Murray from The Newbury and District Agricultural Society in to teach the Year 9 Hospitality and Catering class all about the history of sausage and how to make it.

It was a really informative and fun session for our students.



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Reminders

School uniform

- 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 year for KS4, not KS3. No bracelets, rings or necklaces

Please be reminded 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 nail varnish
- Casual leisure wear such as chinos, jeans, lycra trousers and leggings



Parent Pay

This is a gentle reminder to top up you child's Parent Pay account in readiness for September.

Please note, new Year 7's account activation letters will be given out on the first day.

Key Dates

Start of Term

Tuesday 5th September 2023 (Years 7 and Year 12 only)

Wednesday 6th September 2023 (Whole School returns)

Open Evening

Thursday 14th September 2023 (6pm-8pm)

Year 7 Welcome Evening

Thursday 28th September 2023 (6pm-7pm)

Year 11 Curriculum & Information Evening


Thursday 5th October 2023

Year 12 Curriculum & Information Evening

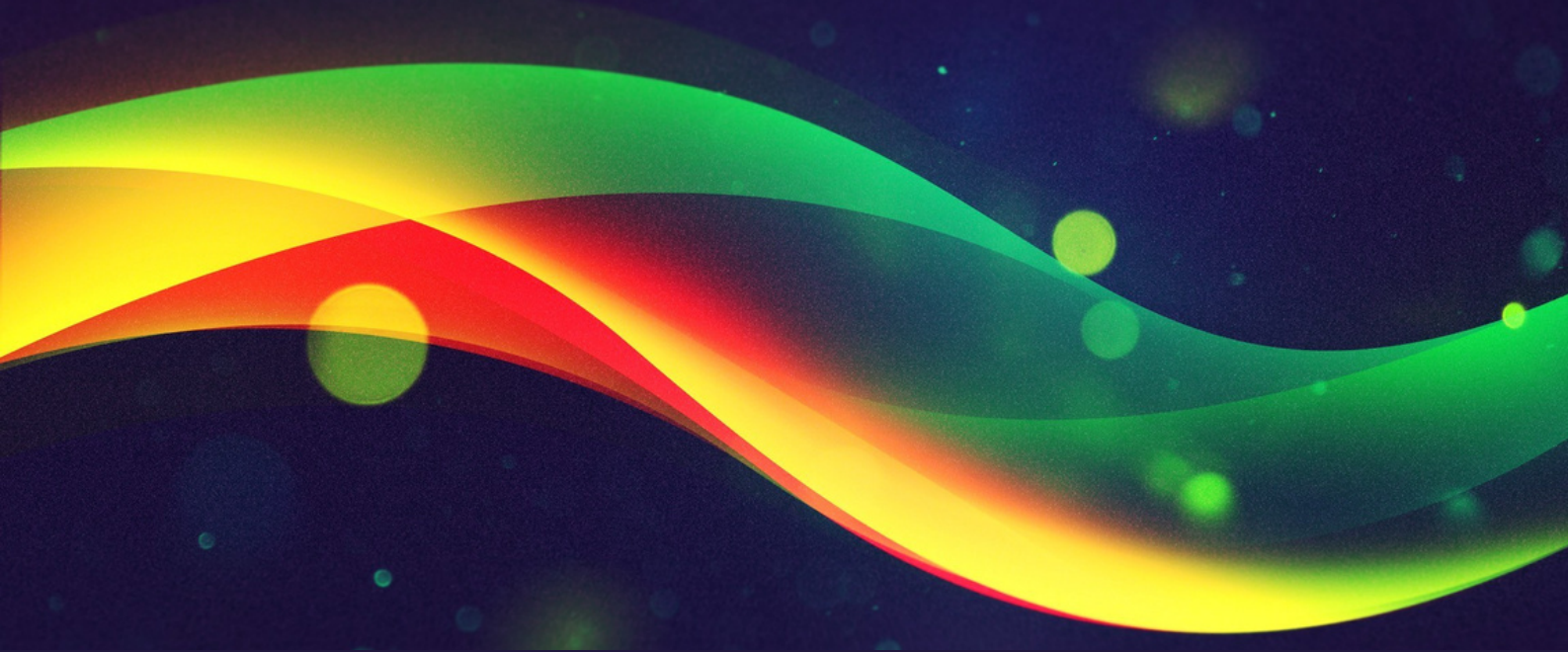
Tuesday 10th October 2023

End of Term

Friday 20th October 2023



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