



# CHURCHMEAD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Record breaking GCSE results!!

Churchmead School is today celebrating a fantastic set of GCSE results. The school maintains outstanding results in English with 88% of students achieving strong passes, and good outcomes in Maths with 75% achieving a good pass. Humanities subjects continue to flourish with 100% of students achieving a grade 9-4 in MFL and Geography. Churchmead School takes exceptional pride in the artistic talents of their students, which shone through in the Photography and Art results, where students achieved 100% 9-4 and 87% 9-4 respectively.

Following on from their recent 'Excellence' grade in their SIAMS report, the school are celebrating outstanding RE results, with the highest number of students achieving record breaking top grades, of 7+ in their GCSE exams.

Commenting on the results Chris Tomes, Headteacher at Churchmead School, said "We are incredibly proud of the hard work and dedication shown by our students in this unprecedented time. They have shown determination and perseverance and always remained 100% committed to achieving their best in their GCSE's. I wish them well as they move onto their Sixth Form studies. I would also like to thank their teachers and parents for the commitment they have shown in achieving these impressive results."

*A member of the Student Leadership Team, Dorhissa Bentil, said on receiving her results "I am delighted with my results, and I would like to thank Churchmead School for being such a fantastic school in supporting me in my studies." Congratulations class of 2022!*



## A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of a very busy term, Churchmead has plenty to give thanks for and celebrate, linking well with our theme of harvest.

I would like to thank parents for their commitment to our uniform and in ensuring our students have the correct equipment for lessons. We are delighted with how Year 7 students have started their secondary education and settled so quickly, already taking part in many different after school activities. It takes great courage to move to a new school and this was very evident in the confident way our new students started their secondary school career. It was a pleasure to meet so many Year 7 parents at our Year 7 evening earlier this term.

Our charity work has continued to grow this term with students showing their compassion by raising money in PE lessons for the Great Ormand Street Hospital with their sponsored walk. Also, our Cultural Awareness Day was a huge success, raising money for UNICEF. We are looking forward to our Children in Need Day next term. The students are busy planning other fund-raising events.

Next term the students are getting excited for their Awe and Wonder trip to Italy. It is great to be able to offer learning experiences, again beyond the classroom.

I would like to thank our students for their support and commitment with our Open Evening. It was great to see so many parents interested in Churchmead and all we have to offer. We are very proud of all that Churchmead has become and we would like to share this with as many people as possible. I would like to thank all parents who have made personal recommendations to their friends and neighbours who are choosing a new school.

Thank you again for your support throughout this term.

**Chris Tomes**  
Headteacher



# YEAR 7 ARMY TEAM BUILDING DAY

At the very start of this term Year 7 were visited by the British Army. All pupils in the year group were split into small groups and completed tasks that were designed to build teamwork skills and out of the box thinking.

Pictured right, the group are trying to move the box out of the area without touching it. They had to work together and come up with a plan and then work against other teams to see which group could do the job successfully in the quickest time!



As you can see from the pictures the pupils thoroughly enjoyed their time.



*"The Army Day was great as they engaged with the whole year group and showed us, we can conquer the challenges that we face."*

*- Evie Stewart 7T*



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# NATIONAL POETRY DAY

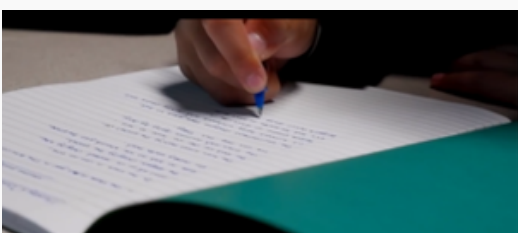
Churchmead celebrated National Poetry Day yesterday with readings, presentations and writing of some wonderful original poetry!

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Poetry day: The theme this year was the environment.

Book Club made a display in the library and helped organise a poetry competition.

The winner of the competition will be announced when we come back after the October break. In English, students explored:



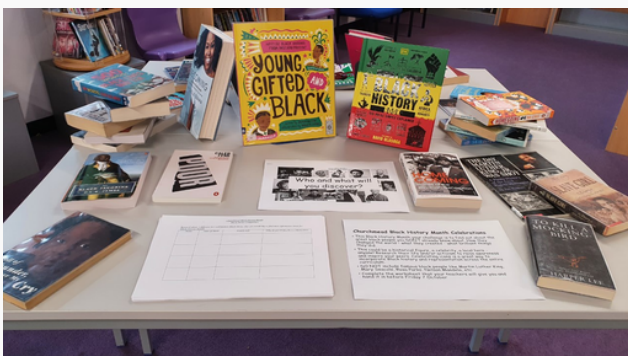
# BLACK HISTORY MONTH: ACTIONS NOT WORDS



## In the UK, October is Black History Month

A national celebration, Black History Month aims to promote and celebrate the contributions of those with African and **Caribbean heritage** to British society, and to improve an understanding of Black history in general.

Book Club made a brilliant display in the library showing the diverse range of texts by black authors that are available to students.



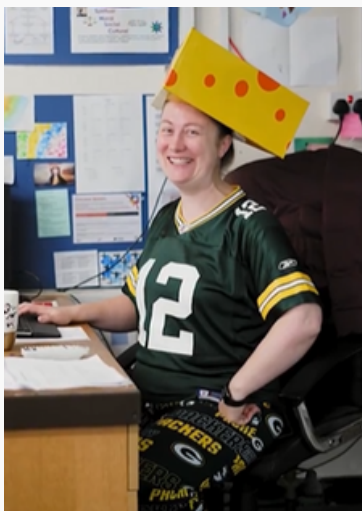
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# CHURCHMEAD CULTURAL DAY!



Churchmead was flooded with colour, vibrance and joy. It was wonderful to celebrate together and allow students and staff to share their cultures with one another. Thank you for all the donations to UNICEF and for all making such an effort.



# CHURCHMEAD EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

CLUBS	ROOM	YEAR GROUP	TIMES
Silent Study	Library	All Years	Daily 13:10pm – 13:50pm
Cricket Club (Mr E Marais)	Sports Hall	All Years	Monday 13:10 pm – 13:50 pm
Basketball (Mr T Verity)	Sports Hall	All Years	Tuesday/Thursday 13:10 pm – 13:50 pm
Choir Practice ( Miss K Peacock)	Music Room	All Years	Wednesday 13:10 pm – 13:50 pm
Drama Club (Performing Arts Ambassadors)	Drama Room	Year 7	Wednesday 13:10 pm – 13:50 pm
Fitness Club (Mr T Verity)	Sports Hall	All Years	Wednesday 13:10 pm – 13:50 pm
Eco Ambassadors (Miss K Laiss & Mr B Southwood)	Humanities	-	Friday 13:10 pm – 13:50 pm
Homework Club	Library	All Years	Mon – Fri 15:00 pm – 16:00 pm
Squash / Badminton Club	Sports Hall	All Years	Monday 15:00 pm – 16:00 pm
Netball ( Miss A Gates)		All Years	Tuesday 15:00 pm – 16:00 pm
Rugby ( Mr T Verity)		All Years	Tuesday 15:00 pm – 16:00 pm
Maths Surgery ( Mrs R James)			Tuesday 15:00 pm – 16:00 pm
Book Club (Mrs L Ovenden)	Library	All Years	Tuesday 15:00 pm – 16:00 pm
Football Club (Mr D Morgan-Watts)		Years 9, 10 & 11	Wednesday 15:00 pm – 16:00 pm
Art Club ( Miss A Loach)		All Years	Wednesday 15:00 pm – 16:00 pm
Myths, Heroes&Legends ( Mr T Kingsley-Jones & Mrs Karava)	Library	All Years	Wednesday 15:00 pm – 16:00 pm
Girls ONLY Football ( Mr D Morgan-Watts)		All Years	Thursday 15:00 pm – 16:00 pm
Computer Club (Mr K McPherson)	Business Studies 1	All Years	Thursday 15:00 pm – 16:00 pm
Mad Science Club (Mrs H Sandal)		Years 7 & 8	Thursday 15:00 pm – 16:00 pm
Football (Mr T Verity)		Years 7 & 8	Friday 15:00 pm – 16:00 pm
Handball Club (Mr D Sedlacek)		All Years	Friday 15:00 pm – 16:00 pm
TED-ED club	E3	All Years	Monday 15:00 pm – 16:00 pm
Guitar Club (Miss K Peacock)	Music Room		Friday 15:00 pm – 16:00 pm

# KEY DATES

**Half Term holiday -**

Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October 2022

**Term 2 commences for staff and pupils -**

Monday 31st October 2022

**Yr10 Curriculum Information Evening -**

Thursday 3rd November 2022

**Art -Yr10 Kew Garden Trip -**

Friday 4th November 2022

**Yr11 Student Progress Meeting -**

Thursday 10th November 2022

**Trip to Italy -**

Tuesday 15th November 2022 - Friday 18th November 2022

**INSET day -**

Friday 25th November 2022 - (School closed to pupils)

**Term Ends -**

Friday 16th December 2022

**Christmas holiday -**

Monday 19th December 2022 to Monday 2nd January 2023

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



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