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Phoenix win the Sports Day Cup!

# Another Great Year!

The sun continues to shine at the close of another excellent year here at Chessington; and what a year it's been. I am so pleased to have watched our young people continue to learn, to grow and to set their aspirations for life even higher. That's what we continue to do as a school.

Each year as a school we move forward learning from the year before and our staff learn too. Be it from you as parents, the Masters or PHDs they are doing in education, their school improvement projects or from student voice, we as a school value the power of life-long learning. As you know we also want to help any of you as parents continue a lifelong learning journey and so are offering evening GCSEs for our parents / community. Come along and see me at the Hook Centre on the 18th August at 1.00pm if you want to know more. If we place in the hearts of our children the understanding that lifelong learning is vital, then we really have done our jobs together.

Each year as a school we continue to grow in many ways, not least in popularity. For the second year running Year 7 will be the largest year group in the school. Our community is showing its faith in the journey we are taking and this is shown by the number and warmth of the new year group and their families. Last week was also the first anniversary of our thriving relationship with Piglets nursery. We are so pleased to have

children from 2 – 16 years old on our site growing the number of families we serve in the community. You only have to look at the photos from the Piglets graduation yesterday to see how happy everyone is with this growth.

Each year our aspirations as a school soar ever further too. With a cracking Ofsted report under our belts we continue to aspire to be the very best school we can. We are working more closely with local schools and trusts forming an ever closer partnership that means we can propel forward to being a Great school. Our aspirations for our children remain resolute. Every child that comes to Chessington should leave with a bundle of amazing memories, a sense of being loved and prepared for an excellent future. Our Year 11s that have just left us definitely have all of these and more. They worked brilliantly through their exams and I'm very much looking forward to yet another 'jump for joy' photograph with them when they get their results in August.

Thank you all parents and partners for your support and engagement throughout the year. A huge welcome to all our new Year 7s for September. Please ensure our children stay safe, read lots and feel the love of a family throughout the summer.

I look forward to even more learning, growth and aspiration with you next year.

Mr Ali, Headteacher

## Coming up...

Staff INSET (No students in)	Monday 3 September
First day back	Tuesday 4 September Year 7, 11 - 8:25 am start Year 8, 9, 10 - 10:35 am start
Year 7 Parents and Staff BBQ	Friday 7 September
Parents information evening (All years)	Thursday 13 September



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**"EVERY SUMMER HAS ITS STORY SO MAKE YOURS A NOVEL"**

## Celebration of Achievement

Ms Wilson

It was an absolute pleasure to organise the celebration of achievement afternoon. It was amazing to see so many of our young people receiving awards for outstanding progress and effort in their subjects. There were some special awards for Student of the Year, which were for students that went above and beyond in either effort, progress or contributions to their year group. I look forward to seeing some new faces at the event next year.



## Natural History Museum

On the Thursday of Alternative Learning Week we took Year 8 and the 22 students visiting us from Taiwan to the Natural History Museum in South Kensington.

The students spent the day exploring the different exhibits and galleries with the dinosaur gallery in particular being a highlight. As part of the trip the students had a worksheet to fill in and the only drawback was that we could have spent many more hours strolling around this fascinating attraction.

We ended the day with an outside lunch in the grounds of the museum before making our way back to Chessington, just in time for 3 O'clock.



## Pegasus House Captains!

Competitions Captains Kye B  
Charity Captain: Nandni R  
Community Captains: James I and Kyle B

## Phoenix House Captains!

Competitions Captains: Kerry B and Daniel J  
Charity Captains: Lamprini B and Kieron J  
Community Captains: James M and Zoe A

## Griffin House Captains!

Competitions Captain: Jack B  
Charity Captain: Beth E  
Community Captain: Tori-Ann C

## Dragon House Captains!

Competitions Captains: Edwin F and Callam M  
Charity Captains: Kyle M and Kally L  
Community Captains: Harry G and Liann U

## Our Attendance

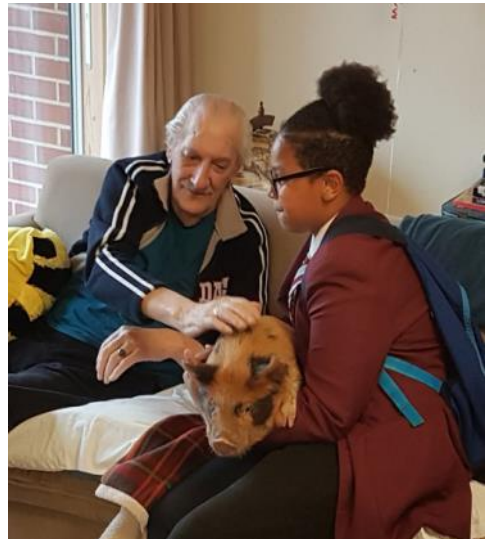
### Most Improved Students

Year 7	Millie W
Year 8	Kally L
Year 9	Samee B
Year 10	Edward M

## Amy Woodgate Centre

In June we took a small group of students to visit the Amy Woodgate Centre for a farm event that was planned for the residents. It was lovely to see our students getting involved.

Our students truly love every second spent at the care home. Thank you Amy Woodgate for always being an amazing learning curve for our young students.



## Year 10 & 11 Message from Mr Ratcliffe

Year 11 finished their exams at the end of June and celebrated in style at the Leavers Prom which was held at Epsom Downs Racecourse. It was a great night with students looking very glamorous and all students spending most of the night on the dance floor. We wish all students the very best for the summer holidays and look forward to seeing them in August on results day.

Year 10 have spent the last week completing their work experience placements. The students have undertaken roles in various different fields such as education, sales, finance, construction, beauty, retail and hospitality. This is the first time the students have experienced a real adult working environment and we are so proud and pleased to be hearing such positive comments about so many of the students. I am sure they are learning a great deal about the rigors of the real world and taking inspiration from the experiences they have acquired.

## Kew Gardens

Year 8 had the opportunity to visit Kew Gardens during the Alternative Learning Week. They visited different conservatories, The Hive and The Treetop Walkway.

Above is a picture of some students in The Hive! The Hive is a unique, multi-sensory experience designed to highlight the extraordinary life of bees. It stands 17 metres tall and is set in a wildflower meadow.

## Polesden Lacey Miss Rutledge

On Thursday 12 July we travelled to Polesden Lacey with our Year 7 students. This is an area of outstanding beauty in the Surrey Hills, we began our mini adventure with a walk through the fields and commons in the surrounding estates and farms. Despite the walk being longer than expected, all of the students had a great time. They especially enjoyed our stop in the woods for fun and games. It was lovely to see students building dens, making things, playing games and socialising without any mobile phones or other devices (partly because the poor signal wouldn't allow it). The walk took us through some beautiful fields and enabled us to see some amazing views. Students were surprised at how pretty the area was and the wildlife they were regularly seeing along the way. Students were given the option to go home for the night or stay overnight in the Ember Camping site. This was an excellent facility with huge bell tents for all to stay in. We settled into the tents and played some games (Chess, Draughts, Jenga... Just to name a few). Pizza was served at 6pm and a quiz began at 7.30pm. 62 very excitable Year 7's then had to get ready for bed. Early morning wake ups and washing ready for breakfast and packing up. 9.30am saw the return of the non campers to make our lunches and then prepare for another short walk around the house and grounds of Polesden Lacey. All were returned to school by 4pm very tired, a little grubby, and with some lovely memories of a great trip, and a fabulous walk in an area of outstanding beauty. Until next year.



## School Council Go Ape!

The School Council was treated for all of the hard work they have done this year. The Chessington Police team arranged for our students to be taken to the Chessington Go Ape! All of them thoroughly enjoyed wreaking havoc on the high ropes.



## Head Boy & Head Girl

We are pleased to announce that the Head Boy and Head Girl of 2018/19 will be:



Archie C-W



Fleur W

## The Year 7 Spelling Bee - The Games have Begun!

Hello word-lovers,

After an intense hour and a half of lexicographical battle-royale style pugilism in the name of mythical beasts from the Greek pantheon we have a victor.

All hail House Pegasus!

In particular we must honour Pegasus' Queen Bee Phoebe S who rose on swan-like snow-white wings to see off an impassioned challenge from the Griffin squad and in particular the eardrum shattering leonine-accipitriformian roars and shrills of Ashton W and the apex-predatory adamantine claws of Evie E.

The full results are as follows:

- 1st. Team Pegasus (100 house points)
- 2nd. Team Griffin (75 house points)
- 3rd. Team Dragon (50 house points)
- 4th. Team Phoenix (25 house points)

There was time for a bonus round which totally flipped the previous results...

- 1st. Team Phoenix (20 points)
- 2nd. Team Dragon (15 points)
- 3rd. Team Griffin (10 points)
- 4th. Team Pegasus (5 points)

## Sports Day

After spending tutor time with their fellow house members, students split into smaller groups in an effort to win points for their teams. The morning was filled with face painting and making decorations in preparation for the day ahead.

Following tutor time students took part in a variety of sports, including: badminton, football, basketball, table tennis, trampolining, dance, parkour, volleyball, climbing and athletics. In the afternoon we spent time in the Hollyfield Sports Field for our track events.

It is wonderful to see the enthusiasm of our students. I don't think I've ever seen so much blue, red, green or yellow face paint! Round of applause to all students and staff involved and a big congratulations to Phoenix house who won the Sports Day Cup 2018!



## Year 9 Science

For Year 9 Science day the students completed a mini Ecology investigation on Sampling. Students then moved onto a research session where they were finding out answers to scientific questions linked to the real world. They also watched a documentary called "The Cove" and a debate was carried out about whether it is right to use animals for scientific research or entertainment. For the last part of the day the students completed an activity on measuring pulse rates whilst performing a variety of physical activities.

## Library Handover!

It was a magnificent day for the student council on Monday 11 June, they were able to learn all about the new library system. Now they will be able to loan books to other students and manage what is waiting to be returned.

The student council are very grateful to the amazing Dr Mary Henes for all her time.

We hope you enjoy your new books!



# EXAMS

by Carole Latham (School Invigilator)

A room full of my classmates  
Sit at desks on their own  
Waiting for papers  
Today we're alone  
No talking or smiling  
No mucking about  
One square stark white desk  
Apparatus and pens  
And a need to recount

The method, the knowledge  
How to think it all through  
The categories, and strategies  
Asking how much we knew  
Focusing on questions  
And "It's now down to you"  
Time to believe in  
Time to achieve in  
Remember the rules

Sitting in silence  
With this evidence  
And licence  
History and Finance  
And all in-between  
The Hard work behind me  
Leading up to revealing  
With what I've been given  
What can I achieve

Nowhere to hide  
Or excuses to make  
How hard have I tried  
For mum & dad's sake  
Well, this is the time  
And this is the day

*To shine!*