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# A sparkling and enthralling start to the year!

It has been an excellent first Half Term as Chessington School.

This has been a great start to the year. Chessington school has started with a bang (another fireworks joke!). With our coffee mornings, opening of the sensory garden and of course so many new families, we have made a great start to the academic year. Open Evening this year was for me a real marker in the sand as to where we are as a school. With queues stretching out of the school full of people excited to see our school it felt a very positive evening. Accompanied by hundreds of our own students wanting to help the school had a distinct community feel to it. The open mornings that have followed have been very busy and again filled with people with so many positives to say about our school and our children. Its truly great to hear what people are saying as they walk around the school during a normal school day. They comment on the excellent teaching and good behaviour of our students but also on the smiles are children have plastered on their faces throughout the day. Chessington School is really gaining some popularity and becoming the school of choice in the local area.

I write this very much looking forward to the Fireworks display tomorrow (apologies I can't be there for all of it). Again a highlight of this half term has been the support shown to our excellent PTA led by Tracy Dale, a Year 8 parent. Thank you to all those parents that volunteer to make our school even better. It is an honour to work with and know you.

We have cause to celebrate again. With the Progress 8 scores released and the performance tables published we continue to be one of the most successful schools in our local area. This fills me with pride and I hope it does for you too. Let's keep this up for this year and many more to come.

I note in our students this year an ever increasing sense of ambition. Not just for themselves but for their friends and our community. This is what will drive them to success. I love that they are competitive and want to do well in all the sports and studies they are undertaking. As a community let's continue to build this in them. No job is out of their reach if they try hard, no college or university too far and no ambition too silly. With bonfire night approaching, let's fan the flames of their ambition and direct them with words of encouragement. I promise you I will, so please join me and all the staff at Chessington in doing this. Our kids can do so much. It takes a village to raise a child so let's raise our children together knowing that they can do whatever they put their minds to.

Thanks, have a great Half Term and see you at the Fireworks.

As always, my door is always open.

*Mr A Ali, Headteacher*

## Coming up...

<b>Friday 19 October</b>	School breaks up for 2 week October half term
<b>Monday 5 November</b>	Students return to school at normal time (8:25 am)
<b>Friday 9 November</b>	Remembrance
<b>Monday 19 November</b>	Year 7 English trip to Dorking Halls - The Greatest Showman
<b>Thursday 22 November</b>	Past Year 11 students Celebration Evening
<b>Thursday 29 November</b>	Year 10 Parents Consultation Evening



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**"We shall go wild with fireworks and they will plunge into the sky and shatter the darkness"**

## Photos from our Open Evening!



## An Inspector Calls Theatre Trip

On Wednesday 3 October 2018 Year 10 and 11 students had the opportunity to see their GCSE English literature play, *An Inspector Calls* by J.B Priestley, at the New Wimbledon Theatre.

When we arrived at the dress circle, those of us who didn't like heights didn't look down but once the play began everyone was far too busy to notice. The actors brought the story to life for all of our students - we all thought that Sheila was played really well, especially when she slapped Gerald across the face! Towards the end of the play, the Birlings' house fell apart, symbolising how their confidence and arrogance had been shattered by the Inspector. Everyone really loved this symbolism and we discussed it on our way back to school and throughout the next day!

## Welcome to our new staff members

Mr E Ward Thomas

As the new specialist History teacher, I am delighted at the constant flow of interested, smart and informed questions from every class. Please keep up the demand for more!

Miss F Staite

It has been a pleasure to become a part of the English department at Chessington school and to work alongside so many wonderful people. I have enjoyed joining the English trips so far and can't wait for the ones in the future!

Miss T Graham

As the new head of PE, I have been impressed by the general resilience, attitudes and competitive spirit across all year groups.

Mr A Duke

I am delighted to be at Chessington School. I look forward to continued vibrant Science lessons and even more engaged students!

## Year 7 update from Miss Lorence

After the first half term of Year 7, I have to say it has been great overall! We have had the chance to see Year 7s taking part in many extra curricular clubs, touring prospective parents on open evening, producing great work in lessons and bringing pride to our school with their positive attitudes to challenges. In lessons the Year 7s have been learning about internet safety and binary and denary number systems with Mr Cosgrave. With Mrs Ford they have been learning about fruits and vegetables and knife, stove and oven safety. In English the students have been developing their reading skills, studying Orwell's classic *Animal Farm* and had the chance to enter a poetry competition. In Science, we have been working on cells, chemical reactions and working scientifically. To say its been a busy half term is an understatement!

It has been a steep learning curve to the life of a secondary school student, but now students are able to relax and enjoy their hard earned half term. I have truly been proud to be your child's head of year and look forward to what the rest of the year has in store!



## Phoenix Charity Day #HelloYellow

On Wednesday 17 October Chessington students wore yellow for awareness of mental health in teenagers. The charity we were supporting was young minds. Their slogan is #HelloYellow. And yesterday was definitely that. A wonderful array of effort from hair bands to yellow pineapple slippers. Over £200 was raised for this amazing charity!



**Congratulations to the 201 students who still have 100% attendance for this year!**



## Community Coffee Morning for Macmillan

On Friday 5 October we hosted a Chessington Community Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Support. It was wonderful to see so many of our students, parents, friends and neighbours enjoying tea and cake together whilst raising money for this amazing charity at the same time.

The day before we had a staff vs student bake off in order to prepare enough cakes for our coffee morning. Everyone had such fun and we can't wait until the next one!



## Photos from our official SEN Garden opening!



### Parent clinics and conversations

A reminder that every Thursday Mr Ali will be available from 1700—1800 for parent clinics. These are an opportunity to meet, discuss the school and for you to feedback to me, should you want to. Should you wish to book a 20 minute slot here, please contact Elaine Opie [eopie1@ccc.rbksch.org](mailto:eopie1@ccc.rbksch.org) or call the school on 020 8974 1156. If you can't make that time then do let us know of a more convenient time for you.

### Chessington sports so far!

Chessington PE has had an exciting start to the 2018/19 year with a number of students showing commitment across lessons and beyond.

In curricular PE, students have responded well to the introduction of new themes of learning and shown real engagement in the pursuit of self development. A special mention to those who have excelled within GCSE and BTEC Sports lessons, I hope that your desire to do and be better shows in the end results! Also a mention to Miss Rutledge's Year 8 PE class and Miss Graham's Year 9 PE class who this week hosted over 144 year 2 students across 12 primary schools; delivering high quality sports leadership sessions.

There have been a number of fixtures so far this half term, including both Boys' and Girls' Football and Netball. Please keep an eye on the school website for updates regarding future fixtures and scores. A number of you have immersed yourselves in sports clubs, including: Basketball (Monday), Rugby (Tuesday), Girls Football & Gymnastics (Wednesday), Boys Football & Table Tennis (Thursday) and Netball (Friday). I hope to see many more of you there after half term! Thanks to Kingston Wildcats, the RFU and Fulham Foundation FC for your support in delivering our extra curricular programme.

Every half term myself, Miss Rutledge, Mr Lucas and Miss Lorence come together to decide upon students who have proven themselves to be worthy of the Sporting excellence award and the Sporting commitment award. I am pleased to announce the following as winners of the Sep-Oct half term:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Excellence</u>	<u>Commitment/ Effort</u>
7	Hayden F	James G
8	Honey E	Abi A
9	Daniel J	Tilly W
10	Elli M	Megan V
11	Callam M-G	Sam E



### Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

They have gone through snow, extreme heat and rain like we have never experienced but the D of E Bronze group all passed their assessment walk!

These students have worked hard on all aspects of their D of E qualification, from volunteering, learning a new skill and to braving all of the extreme weather conditions. I am very proud of each of them for their hard work and dedication to completing their bronze award. Now that bronze is done, I hope they will all take part in the silver award! Well done to all of the students and thank you to the parents for supporting and encouraging your children to help them get through!

