

# Chessington Community College

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Every day an opportunity  
Every moment focussed on success*



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# E-news!



## Welcome to the New Academic Year!

It has been so enjoyable welcoming our students back to school after the long summer break. After a few days of training, lots of preparation and planning it is so refreshing to see our young people come back smiling and eager to learn. From our energetic new Year 7s to our focussed year 11s there is a sense of real direction that I am enjoying at the start of term. Everyone has started the term positively and there is a sense of pride that continues to grow, not least because of the success the school has had a GCSE this summer.

Our exam results this summer highlight that what we have been doing here at Chessington has established us not just as a high performing secondary school but also as one of the most successful in the local area.

Nationally, English and Mathematics together with 3 other grades (5 A\* to C including English and Maths), which is the current marker for success at GCSE, fell to 54% average across the country. At Chessington we achieved 66% this summer. Our progress 8 score, which is what schools are now judged on, is at +0.51. This is not only outstanding progress but again secures a position firmly above most local schools. This is an excellent achievement and one we will build on even further this year. As you know, we believe that success is more than just results but we are very pleased with this performance. We hope to advance on these success and more this year.

I want to thank our parents and local community for your support over the year and for the year to come. We welcome some new teachers who are adding even greater expertise and enthusiasm to our base of high quality teachers. There are some exciting new initiatives and opportunities from Rugby Football Union coaches to Orchestra rehearsals. Please ensure your child makes the most of all these opportunities. While we spend some

time talking of exam success as is correct; you will know that we value the rounded young person's development here and so it is essential they take part beyond the classroom.

This year we very much want to increase ever more the opportunities parents have to engage with the school. With this in mind please come along to the MacMillan Coffee Morning this Friday, please ensure you are there for the Key Stage 4 information evening and please do attend the parental feedback sessions that will be published shortly. School is such an amazing and important time in your child's life. We really want you to work with us to make it a success.

Here is to an even more exciting and rewarding year.



### Parent clinics and conversations

A reminder that every Thursday I 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.rbsch.org](mailto:eopie1@ccc.rbsch.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.

## Coming up...

Tuesday, 20/09/16	After school: Auditions for High School Musical with Ms Twomey
Wednesday, 21/09/16	12:30 pm School Council Meeting
Thursday, 22/09/16	1:30 am Lovelace Open Afternoon
Thursday, 22/09/16	7:00 pm KS4 Information Evening
Friday, 23/09/2016	10.00 am Macmillan Coffee Morning
Thursday, 29/09/16	12:30 pm school closes for students
Thursday, 29/09/16	6:00 pm Open Evening
Friday, 30/09/16	10:40 am students arrive back
Tuesday, 04/10/16	09:00 am St. Mary's Open Morning
Thursday, 06/10/16	01:30 pm Ellingham Open Afternoon
Friday, 07/10/16	Yr8 HPV Immunisations

**Please check the last page of this eNews for our new Extra Curricular Sports Clubs, starting Monday, 19th September!**

**"Believe you can and you are half way there!" Theodore Roosevelt**

## Welcome to new parents

At 6pm on Friday 9th September our new year 7 students and their families came to a BBQ at the school as a welcome. It was lovely to see so many parents and family members and hear about the wonderful things the students were going home saying about the school. I am very pleased that so many of the year 7 have settled in so quickly and are feeling happy about their transition into secondary school.



Students visited Everyone Actives Gym in Staines for a day in the life of a Personal Trainer with Mr Ferrelly.

They were toured around the facility and given a full induction to the gym before getting some small group personal training themselves.

Later that day students were shown a number of methods of training along with a full variety of exercises which could be performed using all of the equipment on hand.

By the end of the day students had planned their very own sessions and they became the personal trainer putting each other through their paces. It was a brilliant experience to see how well they could coach each other.

A massive well done to Kieran, Josh M, Josh N, Tye, Molly and Megan



## Teachers' Learning never Stops!

I am really excited to be leading learning and teaching this year, and to continue Ms Smith's great work. I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you some of the developments that are taking place to ensure that your child not only achieves quality first teaching but teaching that is innovative and will build even stronger foundations for their progression beyond school to college and the world of work.

This past week has seen the launch of our learning and teaching hubs - a further movement towards making sure that every opportunity is taken to innovate learning and teaching in classrooms, offer provision that is astutely catered to the needs of your child and offer teaching staff a further professional development opportunity. Each hub has been carefully constructed with key aims and is comprised of staff who will work together, with a common purpose, to ensure the focal points of their hub is realised across all lessons in the school.

To ensure that our approach is underpinned by current educational research, all staff were asked to read a different chapter from Andy Griffith and Mark Burns' "Teaching Backward." This text has received rave reviews from teachers and educational professionals - not just for its vast range of learning and teaching strategies, but also for its use of comprehensive examples of how these can be applied in a classroom setting.

The hubs are currently focused on the following:

- The differentiation of learning, teacher explanations, student starting points and demystifying the learning journey.
- Assessment for learning, feedback, questioning and the modelling of exceptional student work.
- Stretch and challenge, embedding memory and retention, ensuring students have structured and rigorous opportunities for practice.

Developing student resilience, growth mindset and developing a culture of continuous improvement.

I will look forward to updating you about how our learning and teaching hub, and more generally, learning and teaching is progressing at Chessington Community College.

As always, if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me:

[dsteve7@ccc.rbksch.org](mailto:dsteve7@ccc.rbksch.org). Mr Stevenson

## Open Evening at Chessington Community College Thursday 29th September 2016 - 6:15pm to 9:00pm

Prospective students and parents are warmly invited to attend our open evening this year. Please come along to discuss with teachers and students, the opportunities that are awaiting new students, and see for yourself what a great school you have here in Chessington.

## Our Attendance

W/B 06/07/16

7DSC	95.1
7CBE	97.6
7SLE	96.6
8MSI	97.1
8EST	98.9
8NSI	96.3
9JNY	92.1
9MIZ	93.5
9AFY	94.6
10TSS	96.2
10NSK	99.4
10JTY	97.6
11LRs	97.8
11JMA	99.1
11SHN	95.5
11BFD	99

## Chessington Makes a Splash!

Students had a very enjoyable and successful summer in our pop-up Swimming Pool.

After a term of swimming lessons students were lucky enough to be visited by Ex-Commonwealth and European Gold Medal Breaststroke Swimmer Adam Whitehead. Adam came and spoke to the students about his journey and the level of dedication and sacrifice he had to make to be successful.

Students were also lucky enough to have a special lesson with him in the afternoon. *Mr Ferrelly*

## New Timings of the Day from Sept 16:

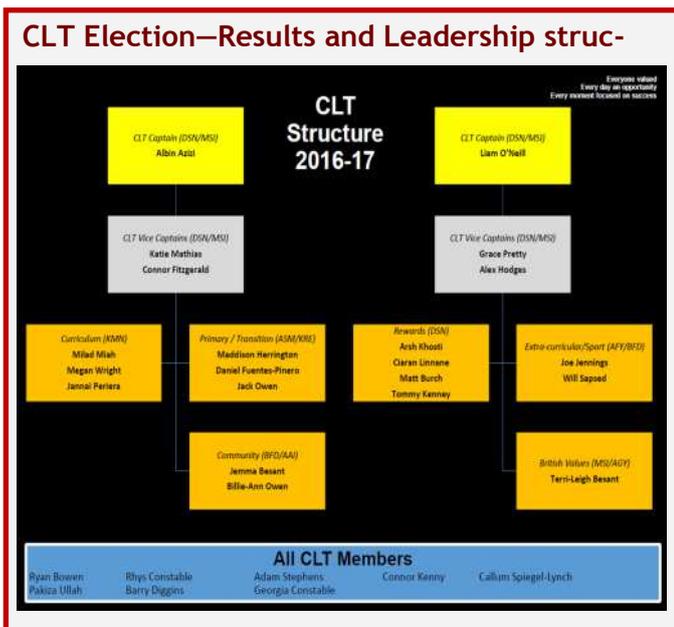
Time of day	Activity
08:25	Students on Site
08:30 – 09:00	Tutor time
09:00 – 09:50	Period 1
09:50 – 10:40	Period 2
10:40 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 11:50	Period 3
11:50 – 12:40	Period 4
12:40 – 13:20	Lunch
13:20 – 14:10	Period 5
14:10 – 15:00	Period 6
15:00 – 16:00	Extra-curr. activities

## A word from Miss Rutledge...

The new key stage 3 leader.

I am very impressed with the year 7s and the start of the year, they have settled in well and are working towards being a fantastic year group for CCC. The wonderful staff and lovely students at the school have made me feel very welcome over the last 2 weeks and I look forwards to a great year.

## The CLT (2016-17) Emerges



## The Chessington club

We are holding the Chessington Club fair in the Atrium this Friday (23rd September) at lunchtime, please come and have a look! Mrs Ford

DAY	BREAKFAST CLUB	LUNCH CLUB	AFTERSCHOOL CLUB
MONDAY	HAPPY CLUB	HOMEWORK CLUB BAND PRACTICE	KS4 ART-TSS CHESSINGTON NEWSPAPER EAL- SAE
TUESDAY		HOMEWORK CLUB BAND PRACTICE SIMPSONS CLUB	CHOIR/GOSPEL EAL STEM CLUB MATHS CLINIC
WEDNESDAY		HOMEWORK CLUB BAND PRACTICE DARTS CHESS CLUB	KS3 ART ORCHESTRA EAL MATHS CLINIC
THURSDAY		HOMEWORK CLUB BAND PRACTICE	DRUMS LETS GET COOKING CREATIVE WRITING
FRIDAY		HOMEWORK CLUB BAND PRACTICE	EAL

Last half term saw the atrium awash with student voters as voting launched for the first CLT election at Chessington Community College. The campaigns for the various leadership positions was hotly contested and the victors have emerged. The Chessington Leadership team will be led by Liam and Albin (yr11). Both students thundered to victory - each with a thoughtful and detailed campaign that had the wellbeing and interests of Chessington students at its heart. Liam leapt at the opportunity to visit tutor groups and shared his desire and passion to develop rewards and sporting facilities while Albin produced a stunning video manifesto, asserting his desire to develop the school's environment. All staff were hugely impressed by the maturity, focus and commitment that was demonstrated by both students - the level of preparation required for the campaign was a vast undertaking.

Yet, it would be a grave error to overlook the efforts and campaigns of the vice captains (Alex, Grace, Katie (all yr11) and Connor (yr 10)) as the votes were exceptionally close. With a steely determination, Katie ventured into tutor groups across the school to present an emblazoned speech about how much she was invested in improving the student experience; Alex comprised an impressive, professional manifesto with a convincing rhetoric that undoubtedly hints at a successful future standing in politics; Grace ensured that she secured a solid proportion of votes by taking a meticulous and detailed approach to any questions asked - her manifesto juxtaposed an astute and mature approach to the measures she wanted to implement while Connor comprised a sensitive manifesto and video - compiled from an in-depth discussion and consideration of 'what students want.'

The following students also worked with impressive determination and were successful in their campaigns to lead on specific areas; please find their roles and current duties outlined below:

Milad (yr9) and Megan (yr10) will work with Mr Middleton to ensure that the key stage 3 and 4 curriculum is both engaging and prepares students for exams and success beyond school.

Maddison (yr10), Daniel (yr11) and Jack (yr9) will work alongside Ms Smith to ensure that Chessington is working closely with primary students and that transition for newer students is enjoyable and runs smoothly.

Jemma (yr 8) and Billie (yr 9) will work closely with Ms Ford and Mr Ali to establish and cement links with our community, and have the exciting opportunity to work on a new project: 'Help us find our History.' Jemma will also begin contributing to the E-news to update you about the progress of the CLT.

Arsh (yr8), Ciaran (yr10), Matt (yr8) and Tommy (yr8) have the exciting role of developing the school's rewards system to guarantee that Chessington students are suitably recognised for their effort and contribution. Together, we will be modifying our current system and will be updating you in due course.

Joe (yr10) and Will (yr8) will be working especially close with Ms Ford and Mr Ferrelly to ensure that the school offers an exciting and engaging enrichment and extra-curricular package - that caters to the interests of all.

Finally, Terri-Leigh (yr 8) has the exciting opportunity to work with Ms Sier and Ms Garvey to make sure that, as a school, we are celebrating British values and heritage. Terri-Leigh will also work with Jemma and Billie on the 'Help us find our History' project.

The next stage of the CLT will be to invite our new year 7 students to join us: this will ensure that student voice and leadership considers the full accompaniment of our pupils. The CLT will be a powerful force for positive change; I am hugely looking forward to working with all students this academic year and will update you about our progress in upcoming editions of the E-news. Mr Stevenson

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## Creative Enterprise was launched last week

Year 7, 8 and 9 will get the chance to invent a product, design its packaging and promote it by producing a poster, commercial or full advertising campaign. The initiative incorporates Food Technology, Product Design, Media Studies and prepares the students not only for their GCSE's, but career-based strengths. Winners will present their ideas in a Dragon's Den-style presentation at the end of the year to Mrs Ford, Mr Newby and Ms McCoach, and will get the chance to win awards at the Cheshington LAFTAs ceremony in June.

Year 7 will be designing their own healthy snack bar (in line with the government's Change 4 Life campaign). Year 8 are creating ways in which to persuade people to waste less food (each year we throw away £700 of food per household in the UK). Year 9 will produce a commercial and sports bag to promote a healthier lifestyle.

Mr Newby says that 'This has been a great opportunity for KS3, and the amalgamated faculties to develop and encourage dynamic and creative teaching and learning. I'm really excited for what possibilities will flourish with our dream-team...'

We have been so impressed with the range of creativity and imagination so far. I can't wait to see the end results'. *Ms McCoach*

**A note from AchievingforChildren, Kingston Borough:**

### Draw and Explore Family Art Walks

This exciting new series of free family art walks will set off from Orleans House Gallery and adventure to a different local area each week. The whole family will create drawings and artworks inspired by nature and local heritage as we go.

For more information go to: [http://www.richmond.gov.uk/home/services/arts/orleans\\_house\\_gallery/education\\_at\\_orleans\\_house\\_gallery/activities\\_for\\_families\\_at\\_orleans\\_house\\_gallery/draw\\_and\\_explore.htm](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/home/services/arts/orleans_house_gallery/education_at_orleans_house_gallery/activities_for_families_at_orleans_house_gallery/draw_and_explore.htm)

**London Fairtrade Schools Conference - Monday 10 October, 9.30am to 2.30pm, Friends House, Euston Road, London**

An excellent opportunity to get inspired by Fairtrade, so make your plans now.

A highlight will be two 15-year old guests from cocoa growing communities in Ghana.

Read all about it here: <http://www.tradingvisions.org/content/london-fairtrade-schools-conference>



CHESINGTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE EXTRA CURRICULAR SPORT - TIMETABLE			
	Breakfast Clubs 7:30-8:30	Lunch Time Clubs 12.40-1.20	After School Clubs 3:15 - 4:30
Monday		Table Tennis - CLS Inter School Competitions	Girls Netball - MSI, CMD, MIZ Boys Rugby - CBS, AFY, DSK
Tuesday		Inter School Competitions	Boys Basketball - AFY, CLS Girls Football - AFC Wimbledon, AFY
Wednesday	Trampolining - AFY	Inter School Competitions	Badminton for all -TSS
Thursday		Table Tennis - AFY Inter School Competitions	Girls Basketball - SLE, KRE
Friday		Inter School Competitions	

**CHESINGTON HOMEWORK CLUB**

All students are invited to attend homework club that will be running each lunchtime in the library, there will be support from two teaching assistants and there will also be one after-school homework club that runs each Thursday 3pm - 4pm. We look forward to seeing you there. *Mrs Mead*

### Primary School Football at Cheshington

Next week we see the start of the football season for Primary schools at Cheshington.

Starting with the Year 4 boys, we welcome 18 schools, over 3 evenings, to play 6-a-side football on the outdoor pitches.

Later in the term it will be the turn of the Year 5/6 Girls and Year 5/6 Boys to compete for the title of Borough Champions.

*All events are organised by The Kingston School Sports Partnership. Ms Blenkinsop (School Games Organiser)*

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### PLEASE KEEP US UP TO DATE WITH YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

including email addresses and mobile numbers. It is vital that we are able to contact you at all times, particularly in an emergency.

We can also let you know what is going on at school including parents evenings, closures and INSET days.

Please remember to visit our website, [www.cheshingtoncommunitycollege.co.uk](http://www.cheshingtoncommunitycollege.co.uk) where you can see the school calendar and keep-up-to date with forthcoming events.

**Absences should be reported to**  
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By text on: 020 3137 6796  
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