



# Newsletter

## Spring - End of Term Edition

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### Have an enjoyable Easter!

Easter approaches and what a fantastic term it has been. Writing this I reflect on where our school is and where we are going.

Again we find ourselves growing as a school. For the first time in over 10 years we have more students allocated to Year 7 than we have places. That's because of you as parents and your children. You as Parents have supported us and continue to do so. You have sat at dinner, in cafes or out for an evening and you have supported us in your conversations with friends. You have told people of how much your child enjoys school and how cracking the relationships are with our staff here at Chessington. **Thank you.**

We continue to grow and develop as a school also because of your children. Your children, all of them, are amazing and we love them. They continue to develop in their roles as ambassadors. Not always perfect, we will develop that, but genuinely they make us proud of them every day. They continue to work with our elderly neighbours, they clean up Barwell Park or Churchfields, they work with us in primary schools to put the little ones' minds at rest and so very much more.

Just the other week a local resident fell down a steep slope into a ditch near the old golf centre. She couldn't get out, her little daughter (at a local primary) was crying out as was she. Three of our students heard

these cries. They went to where she was, calmed her and got her out. She continues to be grateful and they continue to be humble. They are humble because for them this wasn't an unexpected, that's the culture. We look after our community.



Thank you for the great job you all do in making our children this way. I hope you get time with your children to enjoy them.

Have an enjoyable Easter.

**Mr Ali**

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**REMINDER: Tuesday, 23rd April – Summer Term begins** - Students are expected in at 10:40am (with the exception of some Year 10 students, who are on a Citizenship trip to Parliament that day and therefore need to be in at the usual time of 8:30am).

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## Upper School Update:

Upper school have had many guest speakers for Assemblies this term including Tender workshops/Science and Mental health visitors as well as sixth form and college visits. Hopefully the students take on board all of the information given and use it to move forward in their chosen pathways. The new common room has been a big success over the term. They get to use the common room if they are in Positive top 10, gain star of the week or have improved attitude to learning scores.

The revision camp trip to Ashford was a good weekend with students working hard and gaining extra help in a small class setting as well as doing some adventurous activities. We have students in year 11 that are already on the Gold revise for the prize stage working their way up to earning a paid for Prom tickets.

This term there has been revision interventions and a session afterschool for Year 10, the Thursday after school session will continue and has been attended by almost half of the year group. Please do encourage your son/ daughter to independently study in preparation for upcoming exams.

I hope Easter is fun filled as well as lots of time taken to look through content taught in lessons so that exams can be as successful as possible and we can be very proud of the year groups.

Remembering to look through information and topics that you find tough!

HAPPY EASTER!

**Miss Rutledge**

## Sports Update:

Chessington PE has continued to progress throughout the year with a number of students showing commitment across lessons and beyond. Students level of determination and resilience has been commendable this half term, in particular those who have taken part in extra curricular sport.



The new half term will see lower school students move on to summer sports, with a greater emphasis on the theme of performing at maximum levels. This should hopefully see students reaching the very best of their potential and breaking personal bests.

A special mention to those who have excelled within GCSE, VCERT and BTEC Sports lessons. We hope that the VCERT results achieved reflect the amount of time and effort that you put in. With a number of students reaching the end of their BTEC coursework, I would like to congratulate you on the amount of perseverance that you have shown.

There have been a number of fixtures so far this half term, including Girls' Football, Netball and Trampolining. Please keep an eye on the school website for updates regarding future fixtures, news and scores.

The new half term will see a switch in extra curricular sports offered. These will be introduced in your first lesson back after half term. Trampolining and girls football will be continuing on Wednesdays, joined by Cricket, Athletics and Rounders and the focus extra curricular sports for the summer.

**Year 10 girls attended a football festival at Chelsea football club**



The girls at the elite Cobham training ground to play and be coached by some of their stars.

Every half term myself, Miss Rutlege, 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 Dec-Feb half term. This half terms student awards will be announced next half term:

Year	Committed/Effort
7	Emma O
8	Beth E
9	Harvey C-W
10	Liann U
11	Joseph L

I look forward to continuing to see you improving next term!

**Miss Graham**

**PTA Update:**

The PTA held a challenging quiz night on Friday 29th March with around 50-60 people in attendance. Thanks to Lisa, Liz, Clare and the site team for hosting a great night.

The scores out of 150 total were:

- 1st: The Cool Dudes / 124.5
- 2nd: Periodic Table Dancers / 120
- 3rd: Old Contemptibles / 118.5
- 4th: And in Last Place / 110.5
- 5th: Lords of Lovelace / 109
- 6th: Wishful's / 90.5
- 7th: Who's the Daddy / 84.5

**Doing YMCA for an extra point!**



The quiz night was great fun with lots of positive feedback given for more events to take place.

We really need more volunteers to help on the committee and parents/carers to book tickets, get involved and come to our events. We were in great danger of cancelling the quiz night but thankfully the Chessington community are very supportive of the school and booked many of the tickets.

We are just finalising our annual fireworks night and will send more information as soon as we have it. Any ideas what we should do next term?

If you would like to get involved please email [tdale11@ccc.rbksch.org](mailto:tdale11@ccc.rbksch.org)

**Tracy Dale**

## Current House Points



## Pegasus House

Pegasus have had an amazing term and worked so hard. We had an incredible response to the 'pimp churchfields' project. We met so many members of the community walking dog setc and filled 8 black sacks of rubbish. It was lovely to be out in the community doing good!!

We have also won the decorate the tutor door competition with Miss Sessions group 7TSS, Well done Peggy's. We must have some budding artists in our house!

As a house we are also doing well with attendance and are always above the schools target of 95%

Come on Pegasus, here's to more wins and winning the house points race!

**Miss Ford**



## Griffin House

Griffin House chosen charity is the British Heart Foundation. Currently second on the table - can they catch up with Phoenix?  
Come on Griffin's!



## Phoenix House

**“No need to douse the flames as no other house is bringing us down!”**

Phoenix have been amazing this term with a charity week raising money for Marie Curie and Youngminds the mental health awareness charity. As well as winning quizzes, having good attendance and volunteering to help in the community week.

Spring is meaning we are seeing the fruits of our labour in the winter as the daffodils around the school are in full bloom and brightening up the area. Everyone loves yellow!

During community week Mrs Kerly and a group of year 7's went litter picking in the local community and staff had daffodils in their offices and on their desks. The Marie Curie daffodils are also for sale at reception.

As you can see I am a very proud head of house. My house staff are awesome too, pulling together to make ideas work and helping support the house in events. And of course wearing yellow.

Keep going Phoenix - the win is ours!!!

**Miss Rutledge**



## Dragon House

Dragon House have chosen The Red Cross as their chosen charity. Dragon are fourth on the table but will they shine through next term?  
Come on Dragon's!



Back in January, the School Council were at Churchfields Recreation ground, as part of their Pegasus House Community week, to help litter pick and sand down a climbing frame. They were joined by Chessington South Police, Kingston Rangers, Friends of Churchfields, Councillors and Idverde - all helping to keep this recreation ground tidy and a better park for everyone to enjoy.



In February, Year 11 learned all about the responsibilities of an astronaut!

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Huge thanks to **Chessington World of Adventures** for loaning the school their boardrooms for Saturday Revision time!



**World Book Day winner was -**

**You can also follow the school ski trip on Twitter -**

<https://twitter.com/Chessington1011>

**Have a great Easter!**