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Spring is in the Air!

Spring - The Real Most Wonderful Time Of The Year

After a prolonged absence the E News is back! This absence has been based on our relentless focus on your child's education but rest assured this publication will continue.

So, as we enter May we begin exam season, we have light evenings and a bounce in our steps. All of these will enable our students to work hard and succeed as they have always. This month we have received the validated school league tables and results and these show us just how Great our students are. These tables have firmly placed us into the top 20% of schools based on progress eight measures. We have now been allocated the status of high performing school by the Schools, Students and Academies Trust to cap off the success. I say this because we are moving forward even more this year and I am confident our students in each year will not only match the level to achieve this title but also to excel way past it.

Speaking of progress, I saw 40 of our students make some of the best and swiftest progress I have seen in just one week over the Easter holidays. The Ski trip to Kufhtai in Austria was one of the best weeks I've had in my teaching career and I was so so proud of our students. From initial anxiety looking up the mountain, our students found themselves by the last day speeding down Red Runs, laughing all the way. This for me shows just what resilience, engagement, enthusiasm and great teaching can achieve. If we all apply this to our studies in school there really will be

no limits to our success.

As we move into the summer remember we will say farewell to our Year 11s and welcome our new Year 6s who will start Year 7 in September. Year 11 have come along so much and have impressed me no end staying until late in the evening to make sure they get their very best grades. I know they will continue to work hard until after the last exam in June.

In terms of new Year 7s for next year we will be welcoming the largest intake for a number of years. The school is growing on popularity and we have nearly doubled in year 7 numbers. I am so proud that so many more people wish to join us and know it's because of the examples our students and parents set. As always thank you for all your support.

Mr A Ali, Headteacher

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.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.

Coming up...

Monday 1 May	Bank Holiday Monday
Friday 5 May	Year 8 and Year 9 Ypres Trip to Belgium
Monday 8 May	Year 8 HPV Injections
Thursday 11 May	Year 8 Parents Consultation Evening
Thursday 11 May	Year 11 Group Photo
Monday 29 May—Friday 2 June	Half term



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Austria Ski Trip

Mr Ferrelly

The Easter Ski Trip was a huge success, 33 students from all years enjoyed a wonderful week in Hochtzt - Kuhtai Austria where they were skiing every day. The ski trip has been a long journey where students signed up over a year ago and since then much has happened to prepare from obtaining kit to practice lessons. Students arrived on the slopes in a great position to ski well following their preparation and it was great to see students instantly skiing well from day one. Skiing is a sport that with the help of instructors you can make tremendous progress and our students did just that every day. The staff on board were delighted daily to see students getting better and better at skiing. Watching the faces of our students in a cable car being taken up to the top of the mountains was one of those experiences which made the trip memorable and students will certainly never forget those beautiful sights. Evenings were jam packed with activities Bowling and the Quiz night were certainly among the most popular in the week, those in year 11 even completed some revision sessions which they truly engaged in. Sadly the trip had to come to an end as we each group raced down the slopes through a slalom and the whole group took the journey to the top of the mountain one last time for one last ride down from the top of the mountains. I could not have been happier with how well students behaved all week but also for their fun loving spirit and considerate support of others all week, the students really made the trip the great success that it was. I would like to thank all of those who were involved in the trip and I hope that others will join us for the next ski trip planned for 2019.



Year 11 Revision Classes

Afterschool 3:00 to 4:00—Until 26th May

Monday	English in F18, F19, F20
Tuesday	Science in S5, S6, S7, S8, S9
Wednesday	Maths in S21, S23, S24 Child Development in S22
Thursday	Geography in F4, F5 History in F12, F14 Computer Science in S18 Spanish in F6
Friday	Catering in A6 Film Studies in S1/2 Media in S1/2 Art in S29 Drama in F22

Recycled Animal Sculptures

Over the last half term Year 7 were asked to make 3D sculptors of their favourite animal using recycled materials as a homework project. We have received lots of beautiful and imaginative pieces, many of which are displayed around the school.



Chessington Election Watch!

Following Theresa May's election announcement students in all year levels began a 6 week workshop in tutor time this week. Students will be closely monitoring the election and learning about the democratic process in form time as part of their social and cultural development. Students will learn about the various parties, their ideologies and leaders throughout the term. They will look at the big issues facing our country today, in particular a UK post Brexit. These workshops will culminate in a mock election on the 5th June and students will be able to express their newly developed political skills.

Absences should be reported to

Mrs Kerly (Attendance Officer) on 020 8974 1156 Ext: 207

By text on: 020 3137 6796

By email: SC3144006a@schoolcomms.com

GCSE Art deadline

Year 11's GCSE art final deadline is on Wednesday 10th May at 10:30am. All coursework, exam work and sketchbooks must be completed and handed in. Final pieces must also be mounted.



Community tree planting

The Woodland Trust donated over 800 sapling trees to Chessington, as part of a community wide planting program organised by ourselves and councillor Andy Johnson-Creek.

The young saplings have been lovingly looked after by Chessington Garden Centre as the planting project was planned whilst the weather got a bit warmer.

On 29th March students from our school council kicked off the planting programme by planting 120 trees along the boundary of the school. The trees are a mixture of Hawthorn, Dog Wood, Hazel, Silver Birch, Rowan and Oak, all around 1ft tall.

The Pound Going Strong in Chessington

Learning and Teaching Update Mr Stevenson

This past half term marked the first #PoundlandPedagogy competition at Chessington. All teaching staff, teachers and teaching assistants, were given a £1 item and asked how they would include this in a lesson to engage students further: items ranged from golf sets, carrot seeds to tea towels.

The judging panel was comprised of our diligent pastoral officers, Ms O'Neill and Ms Jackson, while our student judges were drawn from the school council and wider school community: Albin Azizi (School Council Captain), Holly Lockett (Prefect), Jemma Besant (School Council) and Adam Jones (Year 11). The first prize was a miniature visualiser, followed by Easter eggs for the runners up; of course all winning staff were awarded with a Chessington Certificate. Winners were announced on the final day of the spring term. Congratulations to Mr Ferrelly, who managed to make use of a child's blanket to assist his year 11 class with developing their visualisation skills! Ms Garvey came a close second, using her bowling set to create a 'competition feel' around class questioning. In third place was Ms Massey, who used a ball of wool to help students to make links between poems.

Coming Up

On Thursday 11th May, we will be visited by the Google Expeditions team. This is a fantastic opportunity to have professionals, from an international company, working with our students and will enable teachers to deliver lessons through the use of virtual reality software and hardware. You can find out more about Google Expeditions at: <https://edu.google.com/expeditions/about>

Please do contact Ms Sessions, Ms Twomey or myself if you would like to discuss learning and teaching in more depth.



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.chessingtoncommunitycollege.co.uk where you can see the school calendar and keep-up-to date with forthcoming events.

Our Attendance Most Improved Tutor Groups

Year 7	7SLE	97.7%
Year 8	8NSI	92.9%
Year 9	9JNY	95.4%
Year 10	10NSK	96.5%
Year 11	11JMA	94.2%

Update from Lower School:

Miss Rutledge

This half term within the lower school we have had an extremely successful and very well attended options evening for Years 8 and 9. The evening had some excellent feedback.

We also recently had an evening discussing social media hosted by Ms Smith (deputy head), this was an informative session aimed at helping you further understand what the students are using on a daily basis. Thank you to all those who attended these evenings for supporting the school, working together means that we can do more for the students.

We are continuing to work closely with the Achieving for Children centre to enhance the learning of some students and I am looking forward to a successful summer term.

Update from Upper School:

Mr Ratcliffe

It has been a busy start to the summer term for students with the main focus being on destinations for both years. Year 11 have their final push of interventions before their GCSE exams commence in the middle of May, sessions ran throughout the Easter holidays and were well attended by students. After school intervention is now a priority for all of year 11 and they must remember to get their revise for the prize card signed by staff to get money off their prom ticket. Year 10 returned with their main focus being on work experience. Students are securing their week long placements for July which we hope will give them a great insight into the working world. KS4 were also lucky enough to receive a brilliant assembly by two guest speakers from the charity A21, the charity focuses on human trafficking and the impact it can have on young people. On Friday 21, year 11 students were visited by NCS who delivered a short team building exercises in tutor time. Students participated really well and improved their team building and communication skills.

