

# Chessington Community College

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Every day an opportunity  
Every moment focussed on success*



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## A 'sparkling' half term

It has been an excellent first Half Term!

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 inside it felt like 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. It is 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 our children have plastered on their faces throughout the day.

I write this very much looking forward to the Fireworks display tonight and sharing a BBQ with you all. Another highlight of this half term has been the support shown to our excellent PTA led by Tracy Dale, a Year 8 parent. I cannot wait to see you all at the sell out fireworks and for many more events to come.

We have cause to celebrate again. With the Progress 8 scores released and the performance tables published we continue to be the most successful school in our local area. This fills me with pride and I hope it does for you too. Lets 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 lets 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 ours 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

### 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 30 October	INSET day
Friday 10 November	Poppy day / Remembrance service
Friday 17 November	Children in Need day
Tuesday 21—Thursday 23 November	School Production
Thursday 23 November	Year 10 Parent's Evening
Thursday 7 December	Community Christmas Carols



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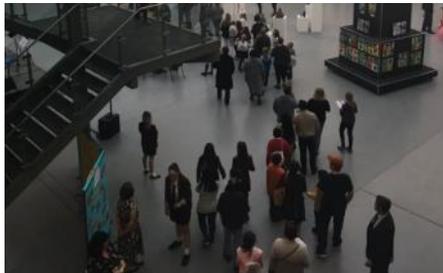
## Open Evening

On Thursday 28 September we hosted our Open Evening which allowed lots of new and prospective parents to look around. It was a highly successful event and we had lots of help from so many of the students and staff here at Chessington! It was great to see so many people looking around the building at all of the displays and taking part in the activities hosted by each subject.

In the English department we were focussing on English through history - we looked at Chaucer, Shakespearean insults and had giant scrabble for people to take part in. Students were writing on the tables about their favourite English lessons and they also had the opportunity to look at what books they could be studying here when they arrive in Year 7.

In Science on open evening we had a great collection of activities happening! We had a chance to test the pH of household products to see how acidic they are and we had a chance to trick your brain using the physics of mirrors! It wouldn't be science open evening if we didn't have some internal organs and fire on display...

In the Food Preparation and Nutrition room we had a very successful open evening. We set up a hazardous kitchen for our guests to spot the dangers that included: flies, rats, raw meat left out and spilt chemicals. We also had guess the sugar content game, which everyone found quite shocking. Students who were helping had great fun cooking and handing out sausage rolls, chocolate tiffin, mini pizzas and cupcakes to visitors.



**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

## College and apprenticeship fair

Thank you to all who came to our first Chessington 'College and Apprenticeship Fair' on Friday 29 September. It was great for the students and parents to hear from many different colleges and places of work about the opportunities there are for students after they leave us at the end of Year 11. The presentations sparked many in depth conversations with students, their teachers and parents, which was great to see.

If your child needs any help or advice with applying to college please see Miss Spink.



## Saatchi Gallery

Our theatre group led by Bounce Theatre took a trip up to the Saatchi Gallery. The students are putting together a multi media art instillation that will be exhibited in the art gallery in the spring. They spent the trip checking out the area that their work will be in and getting some inspiration to develop their work.



## Duke of Edinburgh

A group of Year 11s took part in their Bronze Award Assessment Expedition this weekend. They planned their route, packed their bags and prayed the rain would stay way from Box hill for just one weekend. There were laughs, tears and tantrums, and that was just Mr Lucas! We are very proud to say that all students passed their assessment expedition and are very excited to get stuck in to the Silver Award of the Duke of Edinburgh scheme.

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

**Mrs B Ford**

On Friday 6 October we hosted a Community Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Care here at Chessington. We had a fantastic turn out from the local community, including the wonderful Chessington Police team. It was great to see so many families and neighbours attend. The student council worked really hard to ensure the event was fun for all,. They helped by serving tea and cake whilst also running the raffle stall and collecting donations.

We managed to raise an incredible £280.43 for the charity and would like to thank everyone who attended, baked cakes and helped to organise the event! It could not have been as special a morning without you all.

“It was a really fun community event and visitors were really generous with donations! It looked like everybody who came was having fun. The Coffee Mornings are a great opportunity and we get to meet lots of different people.” - Jemma, School Council

“I really enjoyed seeing different families bonding over cake and having a nice time together” - Milad, School Council



## Teaching and Learning

**Miss Sessions & Miss Twomey**

The teaching and learning team have been busy since the start of the school year with lots of new CPD opportunities, from 'Marking Parties' to 'Resource Speed Dating'. This week we have had a particular focus on the new impact projects, this is enabling each teacher to focus in on an area which they would like to develop and work on for the year. We have also seen our Chessington Champion Award be passed on from Mrs Massey who had been awarded it for running her Sound Training CPD to the wonderful Miss Ibanez for her use of literacy in lesson.

Please be aware that, from Monday 6 November, the cashless catering system will be fully operational. Therefore all students must have their proximity cards (or Oyster cards) with them in school to be able to make purchases from the canteen as no cash will be taken at the tills. If a student has lost their card or it has broken they should let Student Reception know on the first day back after half term. Regretfully, from the 6th November a charge will be made to replace any lost or broken cards.

## Our Attendance

### Most Improved Tutor Groups

Year 7	7JWs	97.5%
Year 8	8SHn	99.5%
Year 9	9MSi	97.4%
Year 10	10Mlz	94.2%
Year 11	11TSs	96.0%

## Update from Lower School:

**Miss Rutledge**

Thank you to all those who attend the information evening, feedback has been brilliant.

The Den is now in use on a daily basis which is a credit to Lower School students gaining so many positive ClassCharts points. The Den's new look has meant it is more popular than ever!

It was great you all on Academic Tutoring day today and I wish everybody a lovely half term.

Please also check the Lower School Twitter account for important updates.

@chessington789

## Update from Upper School:

**Mr Ratcliffe**

It's been a very busy half term in the Upper School. Year 10 have started really well and are working very hard in all areas of the school. Year 11 have shown a great focus in the demands of the final year of school. Lots of students have already been attending after school intervention for many coursework based subjects and a full intervention timetable for core subjects will commence after half term. This will extend the day for students until 4:00 pm but is essential for students making great progress in their forthcoming PPE exams .





Tickets on sale now!

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/little-shop-of-horrors-ticke...>

21 November, 22 November, 23 November at 7:30 pm

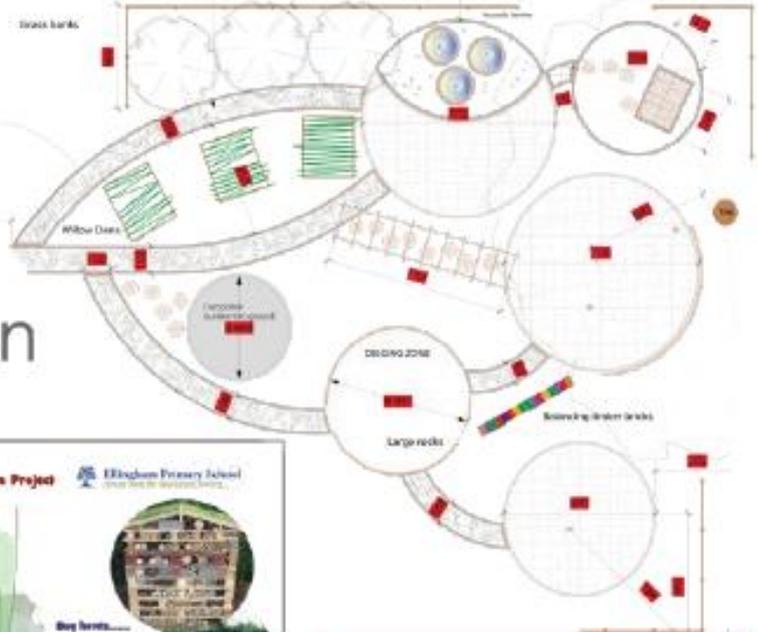
Little Shop of Horrors is a tale that begins with meek flower shop assistant Seymour who pines for co-worker Audrey. During a total eclipse, he discovers an unusual plant he names Audrey II, which feeds only on human flesh and blood. The growing plant attracts a great deal of business for the previously struggling store. After Seymour feeds Audrey's boyfriend, Orin, to the plant, he must come up with more bodies for the increasingly bloodthirsty plant.

# Chessington Schools Campus SEN Garden



*"The Chessington Community Special Educational Needs Garden has gained significant support based on the excellent landscape plans from Chessington Garden Centre."*  
 Tony Mills, Chair of Governing Body, Chessington Community College

**HUGE** thanks to Jolyon Martin from Chessington Garden Centre, who are celebrating their 50th anniversary, and Simon Burge from Chessington World of Adventures, who are celebrating their 30th anniversary, for all your support in completing the hard landscaping over October and February half terms.



**Chessington Community College & Ellingham Primary School SEN Garden Project**

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*We have had some great offers already and we are now looking for additional companies to help with this community project.*



*"A sensory garden for the local Chessington community is a great idea, and with the support of local organisations and individuals, it will soon be a reality for our residents."* Councillor Patricia Bamford

**Once the hard landscaping is finished by the teams at Chessington Garden Centre & Chessington World of Adventures, why not spend your corporate charity days with us, sponsor a part of the project or just volunteer some time?**

*"Can YOU help? It is wonderful to see Chessington Community getting involved in building this local sensory Garden for its School community. I am delighted to see local Business, organisations and individuals supporting it but we can always do with more."* Mayor Julie Pickering

**Please get in touch, your local community needs you!**

To get involved or request further information, please contact  
 Tony Mills, Chair of Governing Body: [amills44@ccc.rbksch.org](mailto:amills44@ccc.rbksch.org) - or Tracy Dale, Chessington PTA: [pta@ccc.kingston.sch.uk](mailto:pta@ccc.kingston.sch.uk)

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