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What a great year. I cannot wait until next year.

As we hear Frank Sinatra's immortal lines from My Way, the end of the year is near and what a year it has been. We've taken even more strides towards being a Great school. Internal and external Ofsted mechanisms place us as a securely good school, the progress of our students continues to excel but most importantly, our children have so many more opportunities to thrive and enjoy their time at school (I'm writing this while walking down the river Thames to Hampton Court with some lovely Year 9s correcting my spelling!). Our Alternative Learning Week of British / Chessington values has shown the very best of our young people and just how great our students are.

Yesterday we welcomed our sister nursery Piglets on to the site. It's so lovely to see the relationships between our students and the little ones. There is such a caring and community spirit. We are delighted to begin this journey with them and to serve our community from such a young age. Exciting times ahead.

As the year finishes we welcome our new student leadership team. Congratulations to all who have been appointed as prefects with particular plaudits to Sebastian Shepphard and Holly Hackman who were appointed to the coveted positions of Head Boy and Girl

respectively. They will continue to lead and to welcome our newest community members into the school. All those in the other years, please follow their example and begin your own leadership journey.

Next year will be even more exciting as we continue to grow (with our biggest Year 7 for years and years) and to thrive. We will be saying goodbye to one or two teachers and we thank them for their service. Importantly, we have the lowest percentage of staff leaving compared to any school locally. That's because our staff genuinely love working here and care deeply for our children. As do I.

So, enjoy the summer, make sure our students read lots and I cannot wait to see you all next year. Thank you for everything you do for your child's education.

Mr Ali

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.

Back to school arrangements

The first day back is Monday 4th September

Year 7 and 11 will begin the school day at 8:25am

Year 8, 9 and 10 will begin the school day at 10:30am

Students will be dismissed as normal at 3:00pm



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"Summertime is always the best of what might be" - Charles Bowden

Chessington LAFTAs

Ms McCoach

Over 300 people attended this year's LAFTAs awards: a celebration of students' creativity at Chessington Community College. Guests were invited to wander around the work on show in the atrium which included film excerpts, media studies posters and music magazines, creative writing and photography. A giant Alice in Wonderland tea party table displayed the work from art students. Mr Sidali and the music students provided the ambience. Refreshments were served by Year 7 and 8. Grateful thanks to Mrs Ford and her team who made the fabulous au d'oeuvres.

Then it was into the theatre for the awards ceremony. Students were nominated for progress, effort and achievement across eleven creative subjects. This year's new additions included Food Preparation and Nutrition, Creative Enterprise and History for students' dedication and ingenuity in medieval forts and castle model making. Interval entertainment was provided by the extremely talented Nadine in Year 11.

This was Chessington's third LAFTAs event, set up to support the creative subjects. 'The UK currently employs 2.9 million people in creative related industries', said Head Teacher Mr Ali 'and therefore teaching these subjects in schools is vitally important to maximize our students' career opportunities.'*

'The UK is renowned for its expertise in the creative sector.' Ms McCoach (Film & Media Studies teacher), 'It is responsible for an income of £10 million per hour to the UK. Mr Ali summarised: 'As a school we celebrate and respect the importance of creativity and imagination, we therefore feel strongly that it is important to celebrate the outstanding work our students have produced in this field.'

Well done to all the winners and best of luck to you all for next year!

* www.gov.uk/government/statistics/creative-industries-2016-focus



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

Free NHS health checks for those aged 40-74 with a Kingston GP

Places for People Leisure are delivering free NHS health checks to anybody aged 40-74 and who has a Kingston GP. Phone 07736 132532 for a check at Malden Centre, Kingfisher Leisure Centre, Tolworth Recreation Centre or Kingsmeadow Fitness & Athletic, and get a free five day pass, personal training session and fitness session (terms and conditions apply).

Sports day

Mr Ferrelly

On Wednesday 19 July we had the last day of Alternative Learning Week. Students spent the day doing a variety of sports activities, including: judo, trampolining, tag rugby, volleyball, basketball, weightlifting, table tennis and boxing!



Our Attendance Most Improved

Year 7	Frankie B
Year 8	Marty W
Year 9	Cameron M
Year 10	Aiden W

Transition Tea Party

Mrs Mead

On Thursday 13 July Mrs Mead and the Learning Support team welcomed a small number of new Year 7s for tea, cake and a presentation by Blake (Year 7) and Caitlin (Year 8). It was a lovely opportunity for parents, students and staff to meet as well as find out how the Learning Support department works. We look forward to seeing you in September!

Waterloo upgrade - August 5th to 28th

No trains will operate between Chessington South and Malden Manor between 5 - 28 August 2017. During this time, an enhanced rail replacement bus service will call at these stations and carry passengers to Worcester Park for travel towards London. Your journey will be extended by up to 45 minutes. If you will be travelling from any of these stations during this time, please allow extra time to complete your journey. We have included extra information about other stations near the back of this newsletter. For more information about the Waterloo improvement on www.southwesttrains.co.uk

Teaching and Learning

Mr Stevenson

This past half term students have been producing a learning and teaching survey, to both gather information from individuals regarding how they learn best and how they would like to be supported to make even further progress. Students in the school council have started conducting the surveys with the new Amazon Fires that were purchased with their student voice budget. These surveys will continue in the next academic year and will be shared with heads of subject to celebrate successes and identify where improvements can be made to support students even further. Conducting these surveys demonstrates our continued strides to use student voice and leadership to make further improvements to the school.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to wish Ms Sessions and Ms Twomey all the best in their roles as learning and teaching champions - they have some exciting plans for learning and teaching, which I am sure will be shared with you in the first e-news of the new academic year.

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 keep-up-to-date with forthcoming events.

Don't forget to download the School Gateway mobile app for essential payments to school!

Update from Lower School:

Miss Rutledge

A busy term for Lower School. We have seen 5 primary schools visit us this half term with over 200 Year 5 students experiencing taster sessions. These have been very successful. Many Year 7 students have acted maturely helping with the days. I am very proud of their representation. 2 weeks ago 10 Year 7's and I went to Castle Hill primary for their sports day, this was a enjoyable experience for all, the students were a credit to Chessington. Year 6 parent's evening was very well attended. Year 6 taster day was a great day for Chessington, having 88 new students find their way around and meet their new form tutors. The Lower School team are looking forward to September.

We are sad to see Mr Bridge leave our Year 7 team but pleased that Miss Harrison will be taking over 7CBe, making it 8SHn. I wish Lower School a very happy, safe and fun summer.

Update from Upper School:

Mr Ratcliffe

It's been a busy final half term for the Upper School. Year 11 have finished their GCSE exams after a year of hard work. Students celebrated in style on Friday 7 July at the Leavers Prom at Epsom Downs. It was brilliant to see so many students looking stylish and dancing the night away. Meanwhile, Year 10 have been away for a week's work experience. We were so proud to hear of so many students who had really successful reports from their employers and learnt about the working world. Alternative Learning Week takes Year 10 into London and also Kingston for a Geography trip before the year finishes with a very competitive sports day on Wednesday 19 July. Bring on the summer holidays!



Community Coffee Morning

Mrs Ford

On Monday 10 July we hosted a Community Coffee Morning to help raise funds for the Love Kingston Charity. We were lucky enough to be joined by the Mayor of Kingston, members of Love Kingston and the Chessington Police Team. Overall it was a very successful morning and we managed to raise £258.27!



Launch of Chessington PTA

We are excited to announce the launch of Chessington PTA (Parent Teacher Association) and we are seeking parents/carers from all years to help.

Chessington PTA has the full backing of Mr Ali, the staff and Governors and has been set up to organise social events, help with new parent transitions, assist with charity and community events and to generate much needed funds for the school. It will also sponsor the rewards room, known as 'The Den', giving it a complete makeover which will come from a wish list compiled by the Student Council.

Current Year 7 parent, Tracy Dale, is leading the PTA and would like to invite all parents keen to be involved to come along to a coffee morning at Chessington Garden Centre on Monday 11 September at 9:00am. If you can't make that date please get in touch as other dates can be organised as well as evenings. All parents are invited to the AGM on Monday 25 September at 7:00pm - exact venue TBC. The first Chessington PTA social event is a BBQ & Fireworks Night on Friday 20 October starting at 6:00pm. Please see the poster on page 6 for more information.



School of Rock

Mr Sidali

Thank you so much for another successful school trip this year. Seeing the School of Rock performance was an amazing opportunity for both students and staff who attended. I was so grateful that we were able to meet a west end cast! "I enjoyed the School of Rock trip. I thought that the show was amazing and the children playing music was very inspirational." Said Tommy, Year 8.

Sleeping under the stars

Mrs Ford

As part of Alternative Learning Week many of our Year 7 students spent the night in the school's atrium and took part in activities to raise awareness about homelessness. Students spent the evening building shelters out of cardboard and enjoyed watching the film "The Pursuit of Happiness". They slept "under the stars" and collected tinned food to be donated to the Kingston Churches Action On Homelessness group.

Goodbye and Thank you to staff members who are leaving us:

Mr Dally - Science
Ms McCoach - Film and Media
Mr Stevenson - English
Mr Bridge - History
Mr Olalla - Lopez - MFL
Mr Duke - Science

We are sorry to see you go and wish you well for the future

Farewell from Mr Dally

After 11 years working at Chessington Community College, it is time for me to say farewell. I would like to thank all the students I have taught over the years, all the staff I have worked with, governors, parents/guardians and the local community for making my time here so special. It has been great working with professional members of staff and governors with the whole purpose to improve the education to this local community. It has been very special getting to know many families, teaching younger siblings and having rapport with these students even before meeting them in my classroom - an experience I will never forget.

Over the years I have seen this college transform to what it is today and it is a great feeling to be part of it. There is no doubt that Chessington Community College will continue to improve and I look forward to hearing about this.

Lastly, I would like to say it has been a privilege working here for so many years. I have always felt proud of being a member of Chessington Community College and is something I will never forget. Thank you for all the fond memories and wishing you all the success in the coming years.

Save the date!

Back to school	Monday 4 September
Year 7 barbeque	Friday 8 September at 6:00pm
School open evening	Thursday 28 September at 6:15pm
Year 10 and 11 careers fair	Friday 29 September at 1:30pm - 3:00pm
Parents information evening	Thursday 5 October at 7:00pm



SAVE THE DATE

Friday 6th October
10am to 11.30am

**Bring your friends and family along to
Chessington Community College
coffee morning to help raise funds for
Macmillan Cancer Support.**



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BBQ and FIREWORKS

FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER

Starts at 6pm - Fireworks at 7:15pm

**Rides - Bouncy Castle - Coconut Shy
Side Stalls - Music - Cash Bar - and more!**

Tickets available online at Eventbrite

**[https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bbq-fireworks-
night-tickets-36356311707](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bbq-fireworks-night-tickets-36356311707)**

Adult - £8 each
Child (under 16) - £5 each

Family ticket
£22 2 adults +
2 children

Ticket price includes food and fireworks only. Bar and attractions are cash on the night.

For more information email: pta@ccc.kingston.sch.uk

Chessington Community College, Garrison Lane, Chessington, Surrey, KT9 2JS - www.chessingtoncommunitycollege.co.uk

This is a public event and we will be inviting friends from our local community, so do please bring your family and friends. Tickets are now on sale. We will definitely need parent helpers on the night. Tickets for the BBQ & Fireworks Night are on sale here - www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bbq-fireworks-night-at-chessington-community-college-tickets-36356311707

For further information, email pta@ccc.kingston.sch.uk. Please also like our Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/ChessingtonPTA/>

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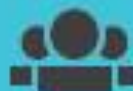
When commissioned in their area, children and young people logging in can access:



Online counsellors 365 days a year up to 10pm, through either drop-in sessions or scheduled text-based sessions



Self-help materials co-produced by other young people



Fully-moderated peer-to-peer support forums



Personal goal-based journal

Kooth is:

- Safe, confidential, anonymous
- Free at the point of need
- Available through a smart phone, tablet or computer

Kooth helps to reduce wait times for young people seeking help and removes stigma around mental health. Kooth integrates with face-to-face local services to ensure a seamless transition for young people.

XenZone's team of accredited counsellors, therapists and support workers provide guided, outcome-focused help for each individual.

XenZone works with local authorities, CCGs, mental health trusts, charities and other organisations to provide early intervention support with clear escalation and de-escalation pathways.

We take safeguarding and clinical governance extremely seriously. The safety and well-being of our users is of our utmost priority.

"Kooth is now one of my new favourite websites. It has great help and support information. Kooth has already helped me with most of my problems. Before I had an account on Kooth I didn't know who and where to go to for help with my problems."

Kooth user

85%
prefer online
counselling compared
to face-to-face

97%
are planning
on returning
to Kooth soon

97%
would recommend
Kooth to a friend

70%
log in outside
office hours

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No trains on Chessington branch
5 to 28 August 2017

Plan ahead now, while we invest to bring you better journeys down the line

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WORK UNDERWAY

WATERLOO & SOUTH WEST UPGRADE

No trains will call at the following stations between 5 to 28 August 2017:

- Chessington South
- Chessington North
- Tolworth
- Malden Manor
- Norbiton
- Queenstown road
- Earlsfield

Significantly fewer trains will call at the following stations between 5 to 28 August 2017:

- Clapham Junction
- Claygate
- Esher
- Guilford
- Hampton Wick
- Hersham
- Hinchley Wood
- Kingston
- Motspur Park
- New Malden
- Oxshott
- Raynes Park
- Surbiton
- Teddington
- Vauxhall
- Walton-On-Thames
- Waterloo
- Worplesdon
- Worcester Park

What's happening

From 5 to 28 August, platforms 1-9 at London Waterloo will be closed so work can start to extend platforms for longer trains.

During this time, we will not be able to run as many trains as usual. There will be significant reductions in services for some stations and a small number will be closed.

The impact on your journey will vary depending on where and when you are travelling.

Please see the map to find out how your station will be affected.

Please note, there will also be changes to services on some weekends between April and October. More information on these weekends will be provided closer to the time.

Key for stations 5 – 28 August 2017



Red

These stations will be closed for some or all of this period. For detailed advice for these stations, please visit our website.

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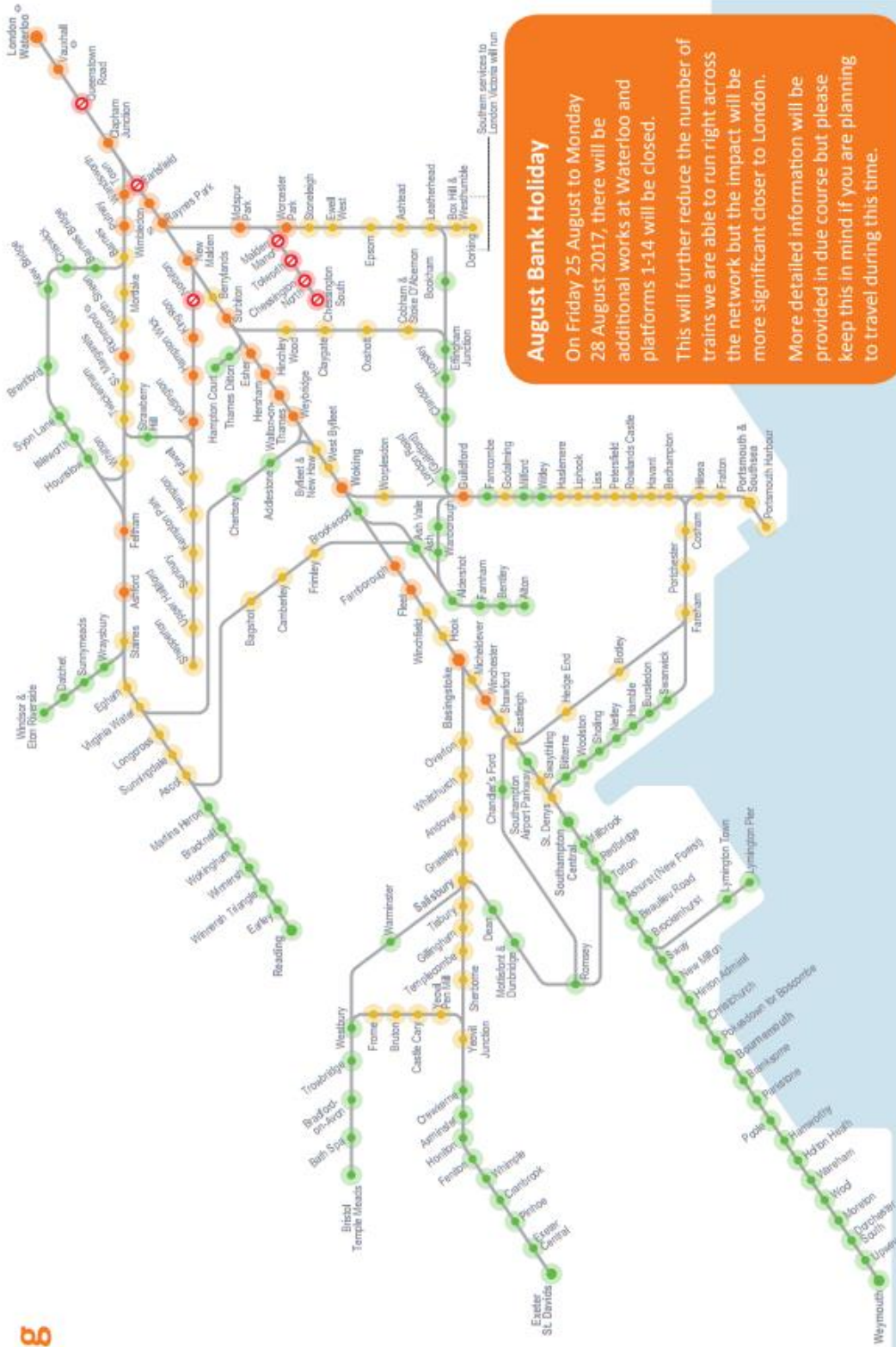
These stations will be exceptionally busy and will likely have significantly fewer trains.

Yellow

These stations will be busier than usual and have fewer services.

Green

These stations are open and services will remain largely the same. However, trains calling at these stations are likely to be busier.



For more detailed train service information, advice and an 'at a glance' service map visit southwesttrains.co.uk/wswupgrade