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THE SEVEN CLASSES OF CHAFFINCH...

Mr. Andy & Mr. Jay's message

  What a Fabulous Term it has been 

Each newsletter we seem to be writing about how Chaffinch Upper is growing, this one is no exception as we now have seven full classes. Despite being a busier site, we have still managed to pack in many activities alongside daily learning to help develop our

students' life skills and promote independence.

Over this term it's been particularly good to see two classes of year 10 students have their first attempt at a range of formal exams and at the other end of the school two year 7 classes of students make the transition



“ I don't think Christmas is necessarily about things. It's about being good to one another. ”
Carrie Fisher

from primary to a secondary. Getting to grips with all of the increased expectations that a secondary school brings is not easy but with the hard work of all the staff and working in partnership with parents/carers they are making good progress!

Finally, I would like to wish all our students, families, staff and friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing the students back on 7th January.

Mr Andy and Mr Jay





Y11 PREARING FOR THE NEXT STEP

Mr. Patrick, Ms. Ester & Ms. Joy

An excellent foundation for future success.

The year 11 students had a great start to the academic year. For the past term they have been attending regular gym lessons, the students have been committed to their fitness.

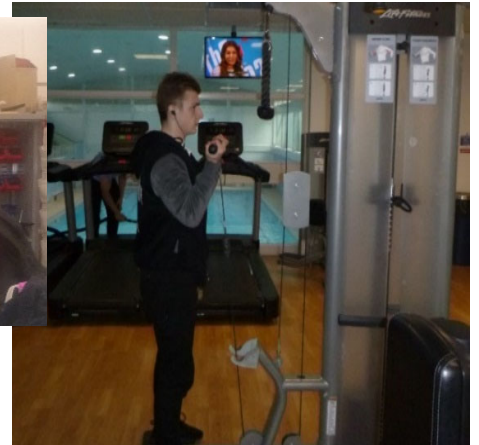
They have attended Beckmead college since year 10, and have undertaken Entry Level 3 qualifications for the



hospitality industry. The students have also started a multi -skills workshop this term.

Attending a UCAS event at the O2 back in October enabled them to see what they might want to do if they went to University.

This term Alfie and Rico went on a enrichment visit which



The students have finished all coursework and can now focus on revision for their upcoming exams.

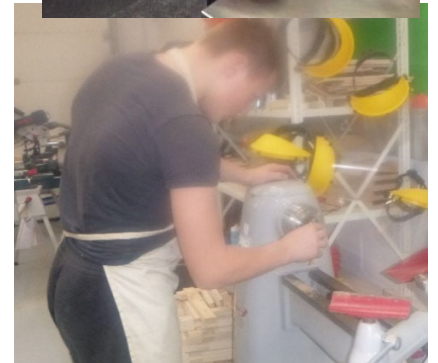
included many speakers from a variety of different colleges, universities and even speakers from the Army.

Back in early October the students attended a screening of the film Yesterday at the Bromley Odeon, they also had an opportunity to listen to the head of the BBFC discuss items such as the official ratings of films.

We enjoyed a festive Christmas meal with all the trimmings on the 11th of December. We hope that students have a good break from the exams they sat a few weeks ago over the holidays – but please remember the mocks are in January.

Happy Holidays.

From Mr. Patrick and Ms. Ester and Ms. Joy





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YEAR 10H

Ms. Yeti, Ms. Sasha, Mr. Tyrus

Since the start of term our students have returned with a new drive and motivation, we welcomed back PJ, Marcus, Billy C, Ola, Mason and our newest addition not only to the class but to the Beckmead Family Jack.

Our students have been progressing steadily in their

chosen subjects and have been also excelling in the college sessions we participate in every Friday which they have done really well in.

Carpentry has been fantastic but they have really stood out in the



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mechanic's sessions taught by Mr. Clark.

We hope the students realize these are early days and we are still getting used to a new classroom with a new teacher and new support staff.

This is the most important year in terms of education as year 10 is a time when we set up everything that is

to come for our boy's qualifications.

Working with the class daily we can see a shift in each individual's focus, well done.

There has been improved reading and writing which has led to better quality of work. This has been visible from the work the students have produced.

Happy Christmas.

AWAIT....HERE COMES YEAR 8!

Ms. Raazia, Mr. Necho, Ms. Zee & Mr. Callum

On the Eight Day of Christmas my true love gave to me...

Fantastic Year 8 News!

🎵 Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle
All the Way...

holidays are coming around 🎵

Rejoice Year 8!

It is unbelievable how the time
has flown by and the first term
is nearly over. The boys in Year
8 have shown their grit and
have transitioned well to their

new classroom and new class
team. The boys are evolving as
a team together and are often
seen hanging out together like
chums playing cards with a
bowl of crisps to share.

Order! Order! The Honourable
Members of class 8 had an
exciting opportunity to visit the
Houses of Parliament this year.
The boys were overjoyed to

Taking the high ground!



After all the hard work, the boys have earned a well-deserved break!
Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

meet the Croydon MP, Sarah
Jones, who made a point to
say hello to our boys and
answered all their questions!

Anger management was the
agenda of the day when the
boys were treated to The
Angry Birds movie as part of
the Into Film Festival.

To motivate year 8, more trips
are on the cards such as a
trip to the Crystal Palace
Stadium and The Shard!
Indeed, that is something to

look forward to in the New
Year!

Yay! Christmas Dinner!



Aha! The joy of Learning!





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CB7G NEWSLETTER

Ms. Mwamba, Ms. Erin, Mr. Derek and Ms. Patji

'Working Together.... Success for all'

We can scarcely believe how the Autumn term has flown past!

We find ourselves at the Christmas break. It has been an exceptionally busy term!

The term kicked off with the exciting prospect of nurturing a growth mindset.

The students are beginning to understand that people who have a positive attitude towards their learning will make good progress and be successful.

It has been a pleasure to see our new year 7 cohort making their mark and gradually adapting to the challenges that came their way.



The Year 7 Team would like to thank you for your support this term !

The Into Film Festival cinema trip - A big wow here! The students surpassed themselves, behaved impeccably and were a real asset to our school.

Rocking Reader Challenge! Furthermore, we would like to give sincere thanks to all our families for the continued support you are offering with their reading challenge. It has been great to see the students buzzing into class with their completed text and zealously asking for their next

book! We are excited to see the impact of this and It will be great to see long term effects as the year goes on and in future years.

Mr. Andy's takeaway - The class was awarded with a mouth-watering pizza takeaway in recognition of their collective hard work during the term. We must confess, we all relished the scrumptious pizza and enjoyed some class bonding time!

Have a magical Christmas filled with rest and laughter!



CB7H NEWSLETTER

Mr. Stephen, Ms. Chen, Mr. Elvin and Mr. Ragesh

It's been a busy and energetic start to school life for 7H as they launch their school careers at Upper Chaffinch.

Above all, students have been working extremely hard in all subjects. Some have already completed an entire exercise books in both

English and Math's! As we can see from these photos, learning has also been fun. The photo in the bottom right shows the eruption of a model volcano, made by the students, after mixing vinegar and baking powder. The photo below is an interactive activity in a



Please be aware that the spring term begins on 7th January 2019. In the new year, students will need to bring in swimming costumes.

Science lesson, where the students investigated diffusion of particles. Other fun activities have been, in history, using Minecraft Education to make Motte and Bailey castles. In ICT, students have been taught how to make a set of Top Trumps by merging Excel and Word documents. Students have enjoyed trips out to the Cinema and Pizza Hut. It all bodes

well for a great start to 2020.



CB9G NEWSLETTER

**Mr. Dan, Ms. Annabel, Mr. Chris
and Ms. Kemia**

The year nines, have been having great fun using the new Educational app in Minecraft. This app enables the students to use their ICT, English and Social Skills in the classroom. This app encourages the students to work together as a team and have fun. The boys



really enjoyed this time in class.

Media Studies: Carousel

The year 9 boys have been studying Media Studies in the carousel lessons on



"FILMING IS FUN"

Wednesdays. In these lesson the students have been discussing different shots, angles and poses used in films and their effects.

The students designed their own storyboard and wrote the script for their group film. It was the first taste of designing a storyboard, which they all enjoyed.

This lesson helped the students through:

- Working together
- Developing their Listening Skills
- Improving their Creativity
- Becoming more Flexible and dealing with change.



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CB10G NEWSLETTER

Mr. Jermaine, Ms. Sam and Mr. Emmanuel

This term has been a fantastic time for the year 10 boys. They were introduced to new course's (Vocational and Enterprise studies).

They have enjoyed and showed progression by presenting an amazing teamwork PowerPoint on online safety.

The boys are also delighted to go to Beckmead college where they have been introduced to a workshop practice in mechanics and multi-skills. The term has been a busy one, full of exciting activities like observing Black History



"Christmas is a season not only of rejoicing but of reflection".
Winston Churchill.

month and finishing with a successful cinema trip.

The term has been very rewarding, as the boys have extended their knowledge in Math's, English and Science extensively. In Math's, they have attained knowledge in percentages factorization, Area and Perimeters. For English, they are currently reading Lord

of the Flies. Additionally, during Science they have learnt about the food chain and are currently learning about types of pollution. The boys are feeling confident, ready and are preparing for their GCSE exams.

We wish you a happy Christmas and a blissful new year. Hope you all have a good festive holiday. School resumes on 7th January 2020.

