



Summer 2021 Newsletter

I hope you can see from the wealth of pictures and stories in our newsletter how much learning, progress and fun has been enjoyed at Chaffinch Upper over the last term.

We wish our Yr11 students the very best of luck in their next stage of education as they head on to colleges in Croydon and beyond. Some of these students have been with us for almost 9 years and it is no cliché to say they are like family! A huge thank you and good luck also goes to Miss Judith who is leaving Chaffinch Brook to work on an exciting new venture.

We look forward to seeing students back for their induction day on Monday 6th or Tuesday 7th September, your new class teacher will let you know the date and time. The first full day of school will be Wednesday 8th September.

Finally I hope you all have a wonderful summer break and come back refreshed ready for a new school year.

Mr Andy



Dear children, parents, guardians and friends,

It is time for me to leave Chaffinch Brook and to work on a new project! I will no longer be Deputy Executive Head teacher for the Beckmead Family of Schools from September 2021, although I will still be an advisor for the Beckmead Trust. I have set up an alternative provision for children with complex needs which is based on therapeutic animal assisted learning. Chaffinch Brook will always be a very special place for me with lots of happy and fun memories, mainly down to the passionate, caring staff and the wonderful children who make up our school community.

I wish you all the best for the future,

Judith



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7G

The boys have been working extremely well this year with all the challenges they have faced. From the part time timetables, online learning and coming back full time. We are very proud of the progress they have each made and how they have also taught us new things, especially about tech! Because of their hard work, they have been rewarded by trips to the park, Brighton and Bowling. Thank you to all parents/guardians for your contributions to making that happen.



Students have made a brilliant effort, every day, to make sure they engage with the learning and complete their work. The boys have finished reading *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, a book we all enjoyed reading and talking about. In Maths they have covered subjects such as Fractions, Number Patterns, Ratios and more. The boys have also been working online on My Maths and managing level 6 work! The boys have now done many assemblies covering different topics such as Covid 19, Knife crime, Euros and Gaming. In our last few weeks of term we have had a sports

week, where we were visited by an Olympian, we enjoyed Bowling and Burger King, movie days and our own award ceremony. There will be a lot of vouchers earned at the end of term, the boys have been saving their bonus points all year.



A big well done to all! A massive thank you to the parents and carers who, given the circumstances had to step in the teacher's shoes. You have been ever so supportive making sure that the pupils are participating proactively in all the remote learning programmes.



Well done Year 7, thank you for all the memories and good luck in year 8! We hope you have a great summer!

Mr Stephen, Miss Beth, Mr Callum and Miss Leiane



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8G - Leaps and Bounds!

As another school year ends, we are able to reflect on how this year has been. We can all agree that this was the most unusual academic year. However, the students rose to the challenge! This year has been full of successes and triumphs!

Class 8G have grown in leaps and bounds and have shown such great academic and behaviour progression this year. I mean ... how good can it get? Well done to them!



Socially, 8G have been trying to make up for lost time by going on weekly trips to explore different parks. A great stress buster! The boys have shown excellent manners whilst in public. While we never expect perfection from the boys, they all impressed staff with their maturity whilst out and about!

Furthermore, the Football Fever never failed to lift the spirits of 8G! Teams were picked out of a hat and each individual was assigned 2 teams in the competition. Every day 8G buzzed with excitement as we watched the teams succumb to defeat or triumph! We all enjoyed the competitive spirit! Wow what a season!

The trip to Godstone Farm and a visit from Zoolab was an amazing experience for students. The students showed amazing listening skills by closely following the instructions on how to hold and care for the animals. They were all praised for the positive attitudes and impeccable manners they displayed!



Thank you for being a supportive bunch of parents. We have journeyed together and we must say feel proud, for your sons who have surely come on in leaps and bounds! Great achievements to celebrate! We wish them every success in year 9!



Have a restful summer break!

Your proud Team

(Miss Mwamba, Mr Chris, Miss Raheemat and Miss Erin)



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Hurray for teamwork! There is no doubt that it has been a difficult year - given that half of our school learning has been online. Despite it, we tried our best by coming together as a class. One way we achieved this is through the social skills lessons; playing games that exert the pupils team working and cooperation skills, promoting good transition.



Well done boys! The boys have done exceptionally well in their assessments. For Maths and English, the boys have met our expectations, scoring high levels. In English, we have been studying Romeo & Juliet which has been 'cringe-worthy' to say the least given the level of romance! The boys even wrote some romantic lines:

'Thou heart of gold,
The heartstrings you're hittin'
'Cos it's love you hold
Precious as a kitten.'
Cheesy....isn't it?



Godstone Farm was the highlight of the last term. The boys got up close and personal with roaches (we even lost one!), rabbits, chipmunks and much more. The highlight would have to be the adventure park and water slide. Oh what fun! Definitely a term to remember.



Boys to young men! The 8H boys have certainly made that transition. And long may this progress continue. Good luck for Year 9!

Miss Raazia, Mr Kwame and Miss Chen



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9G

This summer term has been an eventful and enjoyable term for 9G.



The boys have made such progression in both their academic and behavioural abilities and this really stands them in good stead for KS4.

Because of their distinctive knowledge and ability with Information Technology, Year 9 were given the opportunity to sit some ICT exams this summer.

They all passed their Entry Level 3 ICT exams with flying colours. Some went on to sit their Functional Level 1 ICT exam and remarkably a highest ever grade of 95% was achieved by one of our students.

In Science, the Year 9s have started on their GCSE Biology topics and have learnt about Cells and the Human Body.

As an Enrichment exercise, the Science Department organised a Zoolab session where a zoologist brought in some animals. These included vertebrates and exoskeletons like: a snake, a tarantula, a giant frog and rodents. The children were able to hold and stroke the animals and have had an amazing experience.

In PE, the boys have pushed themselves physically into learning how to play Tennis and Rounders. They were able to develop new sporting skills.

At the end of the term, KS3 came together to compete in a Rounders Tournament.



End of year trip to Thorpe Park

The boys thoroughly enjoyed this excursion as this was the first proper outing they have had this year. Most of the students (and staff) confronted their fears in going on such spectacular rides!

Wishing them all the very best in KS4.

Miss Yeti, Miss Yabe and Mr Josh



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10G

This summer has been a fun and productive one for the pupils and staff in 10G. We enjoyed a term of catering at the College. So far the boys have cooked (some successful, some less successful!) pizza, chicken chow mein and muffins. The pupils all enjoyed this and were engaged throughout.



The pupils also took part in their first exams series! They all had the opportunity to sit an ICT, English and Maths functional skills exam. The next exam series will take place in December 2021.



We had a packed activities week (Massive thanks to Ms Kemia for this!) Some of the activities included: gaming day (it's what the boys wanted!), picnic at the park, dance off and a trip to the Pizza Hut buffet! (Mr Dan and Wesley were competing to see who could eat the most!)

This year has not been the easiest and in particular transitioning back to school after a very unsettling lockdown has been difficult for all of us. The staff team are very proud of all the pupils this year and the effort they have made. Transitions have been different,



rules have changed and different members have had to support along the way, but the pupils have adapted to this and focused on their work a lot more in this summer

term.

The staff team in 10G would like to say thank you to all the pupils' parents and carers. It has not been an easy year so we hope you can all enjoy a restful and regenerative summer.

BRING ON YEAR 11!!!

Thanks from Mr Dan, My Tyrus and Miss Kemia



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11G

The memorable day, Thursday 24th of July, will forever stay in our memory at Chaffinch Brook Upper as this was the last day for the year 11G boys.

Fantastic, although a sad end to the year for 11G, as they leave us to go on to do bigger and brighter things!

They have worked so hard to reach their academic achievements in their GCSEs.



They also went on further, striving hard to work collectively within their workshop projects at the College to secure their City and Guilds Entry Level 3 award in Construction.

They also went on to do work experience (cultivating) at Frylands Wood Scout Outdoor Centre in Croydon. Each one of our boys really worked well together out in the rain! The 11G boys were able to celebrate their final day with a leavers assembly with the headteachers and tutors in attendance, this special gathering reflected on many

achievements which brought lots of laughter...and a few tears.



We would like to thank our boys for the maturity shown in dealing with all the changes and disruptions caused by Covid, in particular adapting to all the assessment changes. The boys certainly worked their socks off in getting their work to the highest standard.

They were a great class to have and will be sorely missed. They have all gone onto bigger and better adventures. Well Done Class 11G and we wish the boys the best of luck in the future.



Miss Senzeni, Mr Emmanuel and Miss Sam



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11H

As we draw close to another year at Chaffinch Brook Upper, we say farewell to our Year 11s. The boys have had a lot to deal with this academic year, from lockdowns to not knowing whether or not they would be sitting their GCSE exams.

Nevertheless, the boys made a strong effort to pull through and not let these uncontrollable factors affect them in a negative way. The classroom staff saw a real improvement in all the boys' willingness to commit to getting their work done and completed so they could achieve the best possible grades.



We have seen the boys really grow into capable young men. Furthermore, we are full of confidence that the boys will really prosper as they take a huge leap into adulthood. The whole school is extremely proud and we all wish them the best moving forward. Not only this, we have told them all that our doors are always open. Therefore

we would love for each one of them to come back and say hello and catch up with what they are doing now.



The boys have been fantastic this year, we have had no physical altercations and again this highlights just how much they have matured.

In closing we would like to also extend our gratitude to you, the parents/guardians for your continued support and willingness to work with the staff at Chaffinch Brook Upper. We hope you enjoy your summer and good luck in the future.



Mr Jermaine, Mr Rowan and Mr Derek



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Key stage 3 has been covering broad aspects of Science across the Science Curriculum.



Year 8 explored a range of equipment used to carry out practical investigations in Chemistry.



Pupils learnt how to use the Bunsen burner safely and investigated the different separating techniques of mixtures.



Year 9 has started learning the GCSE content of Single Science Biology and has covered Cell Biology and Organisation.



Pupils explored cells, the building block of living things and how we can use equipment to look at cells in both plants and animals.



Pupils extended their learning in looking at how cells divide and how they are specialised to form organs in organisms.

