Chaffinch Brook Newsletter

Summer Term

Together towards success!

What an amazing and busy final term we have had at Chaffinch Brook! We are incredibly proud of our pupils' achievements and are delighted to share our end-of-year highlights:

SATs & GCSEs: This term, our KS2 children sat their SATs and our KS4 students completed their GCSE examinations. We are absolutely blown away by the incredible effort shown by all the children and are eagerly awaiting their results!

Duke of Edinburgh's Award: We are immensely proud of our Year 9 students who took part in the DofE award. They worked hard on portfolios covering volunteering, skill-based lessons, and physical activities, helping them build independence and connect with the wider community.

Lower School Art Exhibition: Down at Chaffinch Brook Lower, our student councillors hosted another fantastic event, the now-famous art exhibition! Parents were invited to buy artwork and enjoy a cake sale, with all money raised going directly towards new playground equipment.

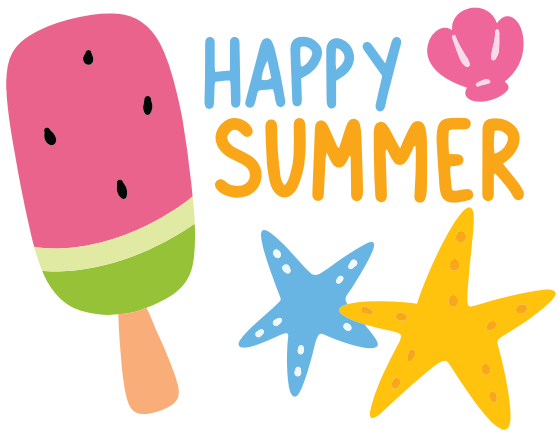
Thank you to everyone for your wonderful support this year. We wish you a fantastic summer holiday and look forward to seeing you all in the Autumn term!

Ms, Abbie, Ms Mwamba, Mr Mark and Ms Amanda



FOR YOUR DIARY

Induction day: 4th September
Start of term: 7th September
End of term: 23rd October



Summer Activities and Support this Summer

Calat Summer Family Workshops
calat.ac.uk/free-summer.fun

Costa Del Croydon:
Located on the rooftop car park of the Centrale & Whitgift Shopping Centre

Croydon Council main line:
020 8726 6000

📞 Family Information Service:
020 8726 6400

📞 Citizens Advice:
0808 278 7834

📞 Croydon Foodbank:
020 8688 4608

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Yayoi Kusama Class

We have had another successful, busy, and fun-filled term in Yayoi Kusama Class to round off a fantastic school year! The children have shown incredible curiosity and dedication across all our topics.

In English, we have been looking at reports and focusing our learning around the book I Love Bugs by Emma Dodd. The children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring different bugs through engaging, sensory-based activities. They have used their senses and interactive methods to describe various bugs, building wonderful vocabulary along the way.



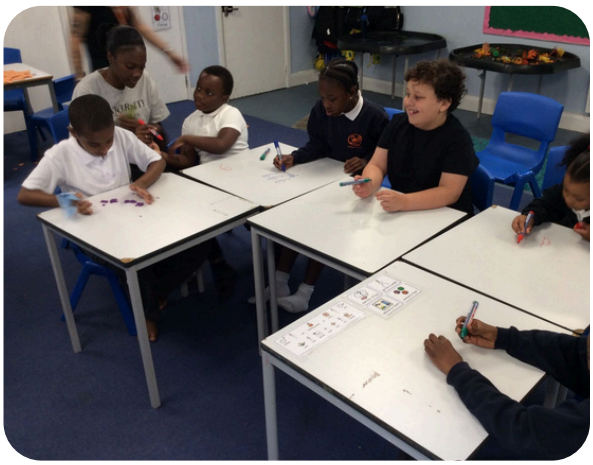


In Maths, the children have been consolidating their numbers by practising counting forwards and backwards. We have also introduced and looked at fractions, exploring how shapes and amounts can be split into equal parts through practical, hands-on learning.



In Maths, the children consolidated their number skills by practising counting forwards and backwards, alongside a hands-on introduction to fractions and equal parts.

Our foundation subjects were just as busy; in Geography, we explored the English seaside, learning about beach activities and coastal safety. In PSHE, the focus was on healthy lifestyles, with the children tasting a wide variety of fruits and vegetables to learn how they keep our bodies strong. Finally, in Science, our mini-investigators loved testing the properties of different materials around them to build their scientific inquiry skills.



Thank you to all the parents for your continued support throughout the year. We wish the children all the absolute best as they move on to their next year!

Miss Hoana, Miss Opal and Miss Laura



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Pablo Picasso Class

We have had a great end to the year in Picasso Class. We have done some incredible work!

In English, we have read The Breakfast Club Adventures: The Beast Beyond the Fence by the famous footballer Marcus Rashford. The teaching team have been extremely impressed with the standard of writing displayed by all pupils when they wrote their own sequels. Pupils really persevered and used similes, metaphors, and personification to bring their stories to life. Our Science learning has been focused on sound, where we have investigated how sound travels through different mediums and distances.

In Maths, Picasso Class have worked very hard on decimals, shape, time, and statistics, showing independence and a wonderful willingness to accept help when needed.





Picasso Class have also been on a couple of educational visits to consolidate and expand on their learning, including a trip to the London Mithraeum where pupils visited a Roman temple. The recreation of Roman voices truly brought this history to life! To round off the term, Picasso Class have a fun-filled activity week planned.



Mr Dan, Mr Omer, Ms Marion, and Mr Jon are all very proud of the hard work, progress, and accomplishments Picasso Class have made this year. It has been a pleasure to work with them all, and to see their independence and maturity grow. We wish them a great summer break and the best of luck in September!

Mr Dan, Mr Omer,
Mr Jon
and Miss Marion



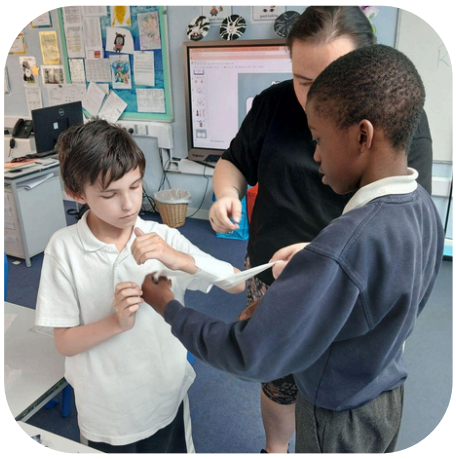
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Claude Monet Class

This term in Claude Monet Class has been packed with fun, both in the classroom and on our trips! In English, we focused on Jack and the Beanstalk, using actions to help us learn the story before performing it brilliantly in our assembly. This half term, we explored explanation stories, discovering how animals like the zebra got their unique features. In Maths, we have had great fun learning to tell the time and using our toys to practice directions.



We also tackled basic first aid in PSHE, where the children loved learning how to apply bandages and call 999.



We have spent plenty of time outdoors this term, including our weekly swimming sessions where the children have made fantastic progress.

During our weekly trips to Frylands, we explored the woods, enjoyed circle time in the sun, played parachute games, and investigated how sunlight affects plant health.



Activity week was a huge success! We visited Springboard House to enjoy the massive sensory room, soft play, and sensory swings. We also headed to Lloyd Park for a picnic, play, and an epic water fight! Back at school, we had a messy morning with oats, shaving foam, and slime, followed by a class party where we made scrapbooks to remember our wonderful year.

Overall, it has been a fantastic term, and we are all looking forward to a well-earned summer break!



Miss Rebecca, Miss Becky and Miss Reio

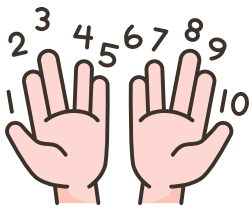
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Jackson Pollock Class

Our English curriculum has focused on the practical skill of following and drafting detailed instructions, alongside the creative endeavour of composing original fantasy stories. Furthermore, the class has been investigating their local heritage in Croydon, specifically examining the historical evolution of the local landscape.



Students in Jackson Pollock Class have demonstrated exceptional progress throughout their lessons. The group has been split to focus on distinct mathematical areas: one half is exploring statistics and telling the time, while the other is mastering subtraction and place value.





In addition to their core curriculum, our children have been participating in weekly art lessons. These dedicated sessions have allowed them to explore a diverse range of materials and techniques, encouraging creative expression and hands-on experimentation. The children have shown great enthusiasm, learning how to combine different textures and mediums to bring their ideas to life. As a result of their hard work, they have created some truly wonderful pieces of artwork that beautifully showcase their growing skills and imagination.





We would like to thank you for your continued support this year and hope you all have an amazing, well-deserved summer.

Miss Taiah, Miss Suz and Mr Manny

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Henri Matisse Class

We have had a truly fantastic summer term in Henri Matisse Class! The children have worked incredibly hard, showcasing both their academic progress and their wonderful creativity.

In Maths, our young mathematicians have been exploring the concepts of capacity and volume. Through practical, hands-on activities, they learned how to measure liquids accurately, estimate volumes, and compare different containers.





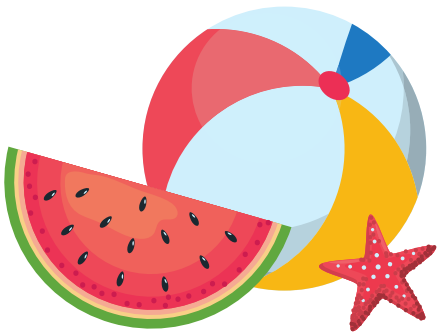
Meanwhile, in English, the class turned their attention to the power of persuasion and instruction by learning how to use and apply imperative verbs ('bossy verbs'!). They did a brilliant job incorporating these into their writing to create clear, effective instructions.



To tie our English and art skills together, we read the fascinating ancient Greek myth of Pandora's Box. The children were captivated by the story and truly showed their creative sides by designing and decorating their very own intricate boxes. Using plenty of glitter, paint, and unique textures, each student brought their own version of the myth to life with fantastic craftsmanship.

In History, the children stepped back in time to learn about the Vikings and the Anglo-Saxons. We investigated how the native people of Britain managed when fierce Viking warriors invaded our shores. The class thoroughly enjoyed researching what people wore, what they ate, and the daily jobs they had to perform.

All in all, it has been an outstanding and memorable end to the academic year. We are incredibly proud of everything Henri Matisse Class has achieved.



We hope everyone has a safe, happy, and restful summer break!

Miss Angela, Miss Sally, Mr Sam, Miss Sandra and Miss Jaye-Leigh

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Faith Ringgold Class

It has been an incredible final term in Faith Ringgold Class, serving as a wonderful conclusion to a year of growth and hard work. In English, the children have been captivated by the life and works of William Shakespeare, particularly through our study of his play, Julius Caesar. We have loved exploring the drama and tension within the play and have had a great time acting it out. Our History learning taught us about life in Shakespeare's time, taking us back to the Tudor period, which was brought to life during our fantastic trip to Hever Castle.





In Maths, we have continued to master fractions, building on our skills from earlier in the year, while also revising percentages and ratios, and tackling new challenges such as drawing to scale. Our Geography lessons focused on sharpening our map skills, and in Cooking, we have been busy preparing a variety of delicious, healthy salads.



The absolute highlight of the term, however, was our wonderful camping trip to Frylands! This was an unforgettable experience filled with fun and adventure, providing the children with a brilliant opportunity to celebrate their hard work with some well-earned time together.



We are extremely proud of the determination and resilience the children have shown throughout Year 6. It is a pleasure to end the year on such a positive note. We hope all the children and their families have a wonderful summer break, and we wish every student the very best of luck as they head to their secondary schools.



Miss Hannah, Miss Tiffany, Mr Cian and Miss Nadine

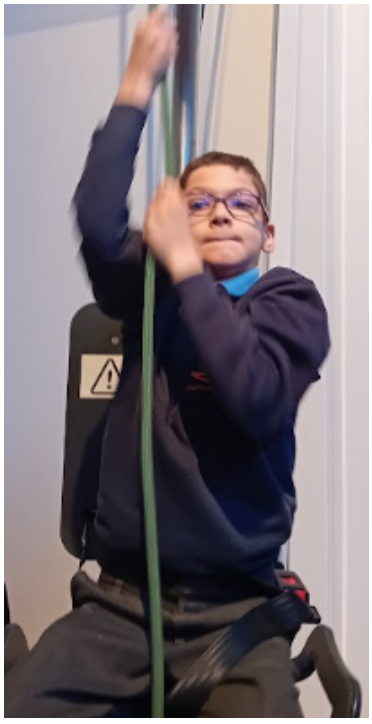
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Frida Kahlo Class

What a sensational term it has been in Frida Kahlo! We have been out and about, learning new skills, and showing off our fantastic school values out in the community. Here is a quick roundup of what our brilliant students have been up to in their final term of year 7!

Our Friday swimming sessions continue to be a massive success. We want to give a special mention to the boys, who have shown incredible determination and made fantastic progress in the pool. From mastering new strokes to building up their water confidence, their hard work is really paying off. Best of all, they had absolute buckets of fun while doing it!









The Frida Kahlo class had a fantastic trip to see Toy Story 5! The film offered a valuable lesson, reminding the boys that technology shouldn't be the center of everything and encouraging them to enjoy board games and playing together.





Our trip to Blake's Park was a huge success! The children travelled safely and represented our school brilliantly. Alongside swings and picnics, the highlight of the day was learning 'Capture the Flag,' where the children showcased fantastic strategy, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

We are so proud of the boys for their progress this year! We wish you all a fantastic summer and are excited to welcome them back in September!

Mr Callum, Miss Nicci, Miss Jesse and Miss Gabi

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Andy Warhol Class

Life in Andy Warhol has been an absolute whirlwind of laughter, learning, and lifelong memories. We kicked off the term making a splash in swimming lessons, where the pupils mastered brilliant new techniques and sharpened their skills.



A major highlight was our unforgettable trip to London's Science Museum. The children became real-world scientists in the interactive Wonderlab, exploring hands-on exhibits and watching live experiments with pure amazement.









The children also enjoyed a well-deserved trip to the park to celebrate their hard work and achievements. It was a lovely afternoon filled with sunshine and relaxation. Seeing the children run free, share picnic treats, and cheer each other was a reminder of how supportive the children have all become of each other.

During the Chaffinch Brooks Sports Day, Warhol class showed incredible determination, athletic skill, and fantastic sportsmanship. We are so proud of everyone for giving 100%!



To wrap up a wonderful year, our pupils enjoyed an action-packed activity week. They cheered strikes at Tenpin Bowling, climbed the walls at Kidspace, and celebrated back at school with a pizza party and a cozy classroom cinema. It was the ultimate reward for all their hard work! We wish you all a wonderful Summer break!

Miss Jaini, Miss Louise,
Miss Uzma & Miss Lucy

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Kara Walker Class

As we wrap up a fantastic Summer Term to an end ,we want to congratulate our Year 9s on completing the year! The Kara Walker class has been full of energy, and we are thrilled to share some of the wonderful activities and learning experiences our students have enjoyed.

One of the biggest highlights of our term has to be Sports Day! The sun was shining, the atmosphere was electric, and we were incredibly proud to see Kara Walker class get involved. They supported one another, showing great sportsmanship. They did fantastically in all their events!



Pupils have had an excellent term in Food Technology, honing their practical cooking skills and expanding their knowledge of healthy eating, food hygiene, and kitchen safety. Their teamwork and enthusiasm throughout have been impressive, and it has been fantastic to see their confidence flourish with every dish they prepare.



This term, our boys have been making fantastic use of the gym, focusing on building physical fitness, strength, and overall wellbeing.



Our students had an unforgettable day in London! They first visited the Bank of England Museum, tracing the history of currency, solving banknote security puzzles, and even trying to lift a genuine 13.5kg gold bar. Afterwards, they enjoyed a delicious lunch at Duck & Waffle, taking in breathtaking, panoramic views of the city skyline from high above.





Mr Emmanuel, Mr Curtis and Mr Jaden

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Leonora Carrington Class

What an incredible final term we've had! Our students have brought creativity, resilience and a touch of adventurous magic to everything they do. A massive highlight of our term was our Duke of Edinburgh volunteering at Chaffinch Brook Lower. Our students put immense effort into helping the younger students, proving themselves to be incredibly thoughtful, patient and inspiring mentors. We are so proud of the students! Alongside this community work, the class has been working incredibly hard in the classroom, particularly with everyone completing their Functional Skills Maths exams. The focus and determination they showed during lessons and revision was truly commendable!





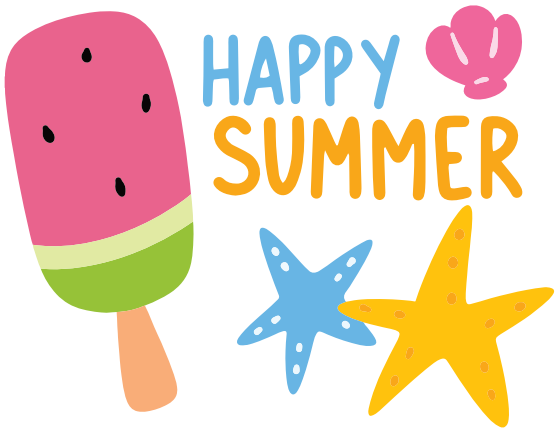
The energy then ramped up as we hit the field for Sports Day, where the determination on the track was matched only by the cheers of support for one another. We capped off an unforgettable year with a highlight: our Activity Week trip to Thorpe Park. Braving the massive rollercoasters brought endless laughter, shared adrenaline, and the perfect opportunity to celebrate all the hard work put in over this year.







As we reach the end of the academic year, we would like to say a massive thank you to all the students for growing into supportive, hard-working and capable individuals. We hope you have a fantastic, well-deserved Summer break.



Miss Yeti, Miss Thalia,
Miss Michelle and Mr Colin

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Salvador Dali Class

As the academic year comes to an end, this summer term has been one to remember with the students in Dali class. They have gone through an extensive amount of activities and challenges that they have really persevered through and are most definitely ready to take on the battle of year 11. The Dali staff team are very proud of them.



Salvador Dali Class sat their first ever real GCSE biology exam on Tuesday 12th May and Monday 8th June 2026. They have all shown exceptional commitment to their Science work and the lead up to the examination was really pleasing to see. The success that Dali has shown is also a reflection of the amazing guidance from Miss Leona and they all had opportunity to wish her the best of luck on her new endevors.



In Maths the class has been learning a variation of different topics. The students have shown great resilience and determination in their recent Maths Functional skills exams. A massive shoutout to Kenzo, Curtis Mia who have been doing exceptionally well and have been getting high results and certificates to reflect their work.

For English, Dali Class have been dissecting language techniques and pulling apart extracts and analysing text. They have shown good resilience and willingness to push as far as they can and some of the ideas that they have come up with have been phenomenal!.



During activity week the students visited Thorpe Park and other fun activities such as a taste test challenge, and a movie marathon day, before we close for a successful year at Chaffinch.

Salvador Dali class are wishing you all an amazing summer break.

Hope you have a fun and relaxing holiday!



Miss Joy, Miss Ruta, Mr Jordan and Miss Olivia

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Vincent Van Gogh Class

What a wonderful way to finish the year for Vincent Van Gogh class. The growth and success of their year is hard to put into a few words. In this sweltering summer sun, we've still found ways to have fun and share laughter. It has been a pleasure for our class team to spend the year with the Van Gogh boys and we will surely miss them.

The best way to round off Vincent Van Gogh's last newsletter is to highlight the ways in which each and every student has conquered their fears and pushed their limits. From exams to rollercoasters, each student has thrived.



At Chessington, all the boys managed to brave the rides. A particular favourite was the water ride which was loved by all. Unfortunately the boys couldn't persuade Miss Clara on anything other than the Gruffalo ride.



A highlight for all of us was going to see Toy Story 5. We were among the lucky first people to see it and we loved it. Some of us loved it so much that they didn't want to leave!



A theme of the film was friendship, which was reflected in our class throughout the year. The students have cheered each other on, pulled together and celebrated each others wins. Even at bowling there was cheering all around for the winners!



We have massively focused on preparing for life beyond Chaffinch Brook. The class planned trips to the local supermarkets and had to use their independence skills to create a list and budget it. Of course, their success in doing this had to be celebrated with a party. We were joined by Frida Kahlo class for dancing, singing and an intense round of Limbo.

We are so proud of everything our boys have achieved.

Miss Keisha, Miss Sabrina, Miss Clara and Miss Tamara

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Damien Hirst Class

After months of intense focus, endless revision, and tackling their GCSE exams head-on, our brilliant Year 11 Damien Hirst class has officially crossed the finish line! The boys approached every single paper with incredible determination and resilience. You could practically feel the collective relief as the exams came to an end, marking the completion of an immensely challenging yet deeply rewarding academic milestone.



The celebrations didn't stop at the school gates, as the group immediately traded their exam pens for high-speed thrills on an unforgettable leavers trip to Alton Towers. The trip allowed the students to truly unwind, swapping exam stress for rollercoaster drops and making priceless memories together across the park. It was a fittingly bold and adventurous reward for a class named after such a boundary-pushing artist, giving them the perfect opportunity to let loose and celebrate their tight-knit bonds.

Mr Jermaine, Miss D'Jate, Mr Sylvan and Miss Umme



To beautifully wrap up their secondary school journey, the students took center stage at their graduation assembly, which was a resounding success. Filled with nostalgic look-backs, well-deserved awards, and plenty of cheers, the ceremony perfectly captured the immense growth, resilience, and unique creativity of this fantastic cohort as they bid a formal farewell.

We could not be prouder of the incredible young adults they have become as they step into their exciting next chapters!



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CBU Sports Day



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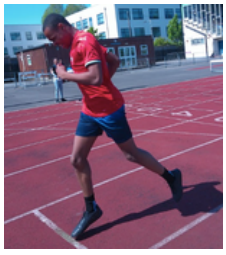
This summer has been full of fun and activities. Some KS4 and KS3 students participated in a Sports day at Croydon Arena. Our students did really well as they went up against students from other schools and the college within the trust. They participated in a 60 metre dash, 100m, 300m, 800m, 1500m runs, long jump, Javelin, High Jump and an American football throw. The students performed well and were able to win gold, silver and bronze medals, with our very own Romarnho winning the best athlete participation award.

This summer the students were taught racket sports and athletics to prepare them for their in-house sports day. The Y10 students were Sports leaders and had to run the different events on the day. There was plenty of positive feedback given about their sports day management. The Year 6's and KS3 students did really well and had a great time at the sports day. I am so proud of their performances, great scores, and positive energy and engagement on the day.

I hope all students and their families have an amazing summer holiday, and get ready to come back to study fitness in September. Happy Summer holidays.
Miss Joy

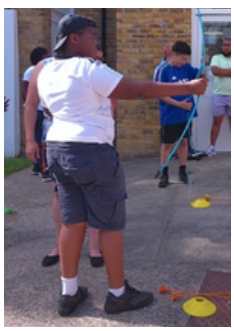












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CBU Year 10 Work Experience

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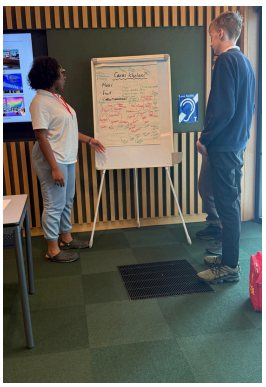
Our Year 10 students had an unforgettable work experience week with SCULPT, gaining real-world insights into the professional landscape. The highlight of the their work experience was a visit to SCULPT Office, City Hall, and Croydon Council. At City Hall, the group had the incredible opportunity to witness the Mayor of London in a live meeting. Throughout the experience, students actively participated in a variety of interactive workshops led by different civil services, allowing them to explore potential career paths and understand the daily realities of the working world. It was a fantastic 2 weeks filled with learning, engagement, and inspiration!





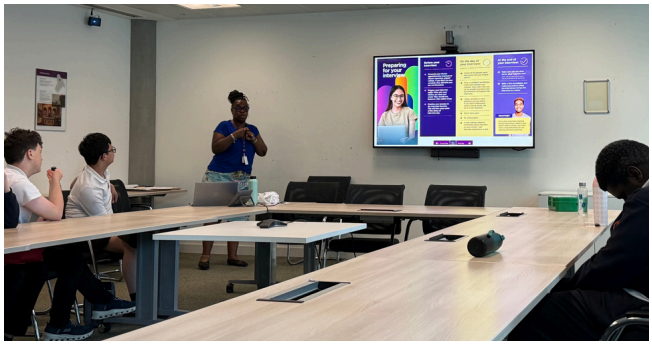


















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CBU Year 11 Graduation

Together towards success!

Congratulations to our incredible Year 11 cohort on successfully completing your era at Chaffinch Brook!

You have all worked so hard to reach this milestone, and seeing you all look so amazing and confident at graduation made every single one of us immensely proud. It was an absolute delight to see such a fantastic turnout at the reception, surrounded by the family, friends, and staff who have cheered you on every step of the way. As you turn the page to your next chapter, we wish you nothing but the absolute best for the bright future ahead of you.

Believe in yourselves, keep striving for your dreams, and know that we will miss you all terribly!





















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Goodbye Miss Abbie

Together towards success!

As this term comes to a close, the entire Chaffinch Brook community comes together to say a heartfelt, deeply grateful farewell to our wonderful Miss Abbie.

Miss Abbie first stepped through our doors in 2013 as a dedicated teacher, and we have had the privilege of watching her journey all the way to becoming our amazing headteacher.

Over the past thirteen years, she has poured her energy, passion, and care into our school, leaving behind a profound and lasting legacy that will shape us for generations to come.

We just wanted to say thank you for everything you have done for us. Your dedication has been unmatched, and your kind, supportive, and endlessly helpful nature has touched every single one of us.

Miss Abbie, you have been an incredible inspiration, a positive role model, and a true champion for both our students and staff. Your warmth and leadership will be missed more than words can say.

Good luck and all the very best on your new adventures.

Please come back and visit us.

