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Message from the Principal

As another academic year draws to a very warm close, with record breaking temperatures forecast before we break up, my September welcome back letter and covid reminders seems a long and distant memory.

It is amazing to think that this year we started with periods of isolation for those positive with virus but no close contacts, we carried out mass testing again and also facilitated the National vaccination programme enabling our 12 to 16 year olds to get their vaccinations that have meant reduced covid cases, they can also return to

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holidaying abroad and attending mass entertainment events.

We were determined this year to return as far as possible to normal and to get all of the activities Charlton is renowned for back off the ground and I think we have well and truly achieved that. Attendance at clubs has returned to pre-covid numbers, and if anything, have increased slightly.



Mr A McNaughton
Principal

We have had too many great events to name them all here, a few of the highlights are as follows: many competitive sports, our Year 7 residential, away days for Year 8 having missed out last year, the school show, music and dance festivals, D of E – allowing everyone to take part who had missed out in previous years, STEM events, enterprise activities, sports awards evening and in-person work experience. So many great opportunities.

All of this and more will be repeated next year, including the return of our overseas trips. I am indebted to the staff who have managed to find the time and energy to give our

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students a fantastic extra-curricular offer, it really is why we do this job!

It is hard to single out specifics from this year but again, our school show Matilda was amazing, I would encourage all of our school community to book and see Mary Poppins next year, it is a great night out. We have had great successes in many sports this year and it is always the toughest decision of the year picking out the team of the year award.

A group that has truly embodied our school values of respect, responsibility and resilience are our Year 11 school leavers. No previous group in the history of GCSE's have had such a disrupted education, yet have been expected to sit a full series of exams. The students should be rightly proud of themselves, no matter their results. I hope they all receive the grades they need to progress on to their chosen courses.

When we return in September we will have a new canteen provider, with Caterlink having won the tender to provide food in six of the Learning Community Trust schools, including ourselves. This does mean sadly that our canteen manager, Lesley Russell,

will be leaving us to take up another position with Shires Catering. We wish Lesley the very best for the future.

We have started to share on our website details about Caterlink's food offer, further details can be found here <http://charlton.uk.com/parent-student-information/canteen-provision>, more details about costs of foods and their breakfast and

breaktime offer will be added when we have it.

Whilst we all take a hard-earned rest over

the summer, spare a thought for our site and ICT teams who will remain on site and support the completion of school improvements. We are upgrading lots of student laptops, building a third fixed ICT suite, erecting a canopy outside the canteen, putting fencing around the sports hall, and putting a new external entrance with an intercom outside of reception.

I am very hopeful that this year, families and staff can get their holidays without covid interruptions and that we all return refreshed and ready to excel next academic year.

Thank you for your ongoing support, I wish you all a happy holiday.

“We have had great successes in many sports this year.”



Duke of Edinburgh Award

This year the Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh expeditions took place in May and July involving the year 9, 10 and 11 students.

The Bronze expedition routes were around Wenlock Edge and Ironbridge, and the Silver is based around the Long Mynd and Church Stretton.

For a while, trips were not able to go ahead, so for the Duke of Edinburgh award in particular, there has been a lot of catching up to do.

Year 11 students first signed up in 2020, just before Covid, so their expedition has been a long time coming!



Charltonbury

On the 10th of July we held our annual outdoor event 'Charltonbury'. It is Charlton's very own version of Glastonbury and was an evening of craft, food, music, dance, games and drama for the whole community to enjoy. As well as entertainment there were also a number of craft stalls and a food court for our visitors to enjoy. Many of the stalls were hosted by parents or members of the local community, we would like to extend our thanks to them for helping to make the event such a success. We also had help from parents who donated excellent prizes for the raffle.

Over 700 visitors attended the event over the course of the evening to watch more than 150 students perform. We're sure you will agree it was a very enjoyable evening, thank you to everyone who contributed to its success.



FESTIVAL CHARLTONBURY LINE UP

SIDE STAGE

NELLWYN & KIRSTY - WHEN I SEE YOU AGAIN - VOCAL DUET
 KIRSTY & EMMANUEL - SAY SOMETHING
 LIZZIE P - BURN
 DIYANA & AMELIA (KUKULELES) WITH SOLOIST FROM INSPIRE - HOW FAR I'LL GO
 AFRICAN DRUMMING GROUP
 17:00 ST PATRICKS GUITAR DUO (MARLENE & CHRISTIAN) - GREEN ONIONS
 17:40 APLEY PRIMARY GUITAR DUO - SUNSHINE OF YOUR LOVE
 JACK P - JUST DRIVE
 HALEEMAH - IT WILL RAIN
 PAIGE C - HISTORY OF WRONG GUYS
 KYRAN & FINLAY - IT'S ONLY ME AND YOU (THEIR OWN SONG!)
 KORI C - WHISTLE FOR THE CHOIR
 NOAH C - REQUIEM
 SAINABOU S - I DIDN'T PLAN IT
 PAIGE C & NOAH C - THERAPY
 GRACE W & PAIGE P - HALLELUJAH
 JAMES K - YOUNG BLOOD
 KEIGHLEY W & ELLIE S - CHASING CARS

MAIN STAGE

WE WILL ROCK YOU
 GUITAR CLUB - ALL OF ME
 THE SPIKES - SEVEN NATION ARMY
 THE CAPRI SUNS - WONDERWALL
 PIANO SOLO & FEVER (DRUM SOLO)
 16:55 DOTHILL PRIMARY ROCK BAND
 17:10 ST PETERS PRIMARY ROCK BAND
 17:20 LILLESHELL PRIMARY
 17:30 HIGH ERCALL ROCK BAND
 17:35 OLD HALL PRIMARY ROCK BAND
 17:45 TELFORD PARK ROCK BAND
 SMELLS LIKE TEEN SPIRIT
 GIMME GIMME GIMME
 CHARLTON CHOIR
 EDDIE, AVA, ETHAN - PSYCHO KILLER
 CHARLTON CHOIR - READ ALL ABOUT IT
 JAMES A - PIANO SOLO
 GIRL ROCK BAND - UPTOWN FUNK
 SEREN T - DRUM SOLO
 CHARLTON CHOIR - FROM NOW ON
 BOULEVARD OF BROKEN DREAMS
 HOLD THE LINE, CREEP, DON'T STOP BELIEVIN'
 20:15 STAFF BAND - VALERIE & YOU GOT THE LOVE

DANCE STAGE

KS3 DANCE GROUP
 THE DA SCHOOL OF DANCE - HEY PACHUCCO
 QUEENSWOOD DANCERS
 ST PATRICKS PRIMARY DANCE GROUP
 APLEY DANCERS
 CHARLTON DANCE COMPANY PERFORMING FIND ME
 INSPIRE DANCE COMPANY X3
 KYRAN C - CONTEMPORARY DANCE SOLO TO MERCY
 SHEA - BLACK SABBATH SOLO
 CHARLTON DANCE COMPANY PERFORMING FEELIN' GOOD

DRAMA STUDIO

16:30 YEAR 10 CURIOUS INCIDENT
 16:50 YEAR 10 DRAMA STUDENTS CURIOUS INCIDENT
 17:00 YEAR 10 CURIOUS INCIDENT PAIGE C, NIAMH M
 17:30 ROBIN T BLOOD BROTHERS MONOLOGUE
 18:00 DRAMA CLUB
 18:30 MENA C AND MAIZIE G
 19:00 ELLIE C AND LEAH D
 19:30 YEAR 8 HAIRSPRAY
 20:00 YEAR 10 CURIOUS INCIDENT SCARLETT W.

Year 11 Leavers Assembly

The Year 11 Leavers Assembly was held recently to say a fond farewell to the amazing Year 11 students. We wish them well— congratulations Class of 2022!



You can see many more photos on our Facebook page!

Charlton's Local Heroes



On the morning of Friday 28th January, while on their way to school, some of our students (*above, with Steve Tyler, PCSO*) came across an elderly lady who had fallen over and was unable to get herself up. This resulted in her being on the ground overnight and becoming hypothermic. The students helped the lady to get up off the wet, cold ground and called her an ambulance. They offered her reassurance and basic first aid until a qualified first aider arrived.

This was the first aid work the students had ever done. They drew on their personal development

lessons at school which helped them to assess the situation and get the lady into a safe position. They then called for an ambulance and made sure she was in safe hands before continuing their journey to school—to sit an English mock exam!

Andrew McNaughton, Charlton School Principal said, "As a school, we are tremendously proud of these Y11 students and the care they gave a member of our community. They demonstrated their strength of character and proved themselves to be responsible young adults."

The students all received a commendation letter from the Principal and a phone call home from PCSO Steve to show how impressed the school had been with their potentially lifesaving actions. "It's great to see our students out and about doing good deeds in the community," Steve said, "These students deserved some recognition for their work as active, responsible citizens."

Charlton's Got Talent

This year's Charlton's Got Talent event was a huge success. It was a fantastic evening with many memorable and high quality performances from entrants across all year groups.

As ever, we are extremely proud of the hard work and preparation that students put in to their performances.

Congratulations to the winners!



Maths Challenge

This term has seen some of our talented mathematicians in Years 7 to 10 take part in the University of Leeds Maths Challenge. Students in Year 7 and 8 sat the Junior Challenge and Year 9 and 10 sat the next level of Intermediate. This is a national challenge with the majority of secondary schools in the country taking part. The students sit a one hour exam that requires them to solve mathematical problems by logic and reason. All of our students were recognised for their endeavours with 44 receiving Bronze awards and 14 receiving Silver. James Atwell of Year 7 and Zeeshan Hussain in Year 10 both received Gold Awards.

A special mention for the following students who qualified for the next round of challenges:

Year 7 – James Atwell

Year 9 – Felix Beeston, Ryan Clapperton and Sophie Podmore.

Year 10- Zeeshan Hussain
Congratulations to all of the students who took part.

Historians Visit London

KS4 Charlton Historians had the opportunity to visit London recently as part of their GCSE studies in Medicine and Henry VIII. They managed to see the crown jewels within the Tower of London; explore how WWI impacted medicine in the Imperial War Museum; have a guided tour of

east-end London, retracing the steps of Jack the Ripper; and investigated the importance of Hampton Court

Palace for the Tudor Family. Year 11s got the chance to go in February and year 10s have the same opportunity in July.



UNICEF Bronze Rights Respecting Schools

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved a UNICEF Bronze Rights Respecting Schools Award!

The Rights Respecting Schools Award puts children's rights at the heart of schools in the UK.

The UK Committee for UNICEF (UNICEF UK) works with schools in the UK to create safe and inspiring places to learn, where children are respected, their talents are nurtured, and they are able to thrive. Our Rights Respecting Schools Award embeds these values in daily school life and gives children the best chance to lead happy, healthy lives and to be responsible, active citizens.

Using the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) as our guide, we are working with more UK schools than almost any other organisation. Over 1.6 million children in the UK go to a Rights Respecting School and nearly 5,000 schools up and down the country are working through the Award. Schools work with us on a journey to become fully Rights Respecting.



The Award recognises a school's achievement in putting the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child into practice within the school and beyond.

We have successfully achieved the Bronze Award: Rights Committed, we are now working towards achieving Silver: Rights Aware.

For more information visit: <https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/>



Charlton students help open UK's first off-grid bus station

The UK's first bus station to generate its own electricity was officially opened in Wellington recently.

The new bus station will further reduce the carbon footprint of the borough and meet Telford & Wrekin Council's ambitious target for net zero by 2030.

The council has worked with suppliers Etesian Green and Journeo to create the 'off-grid' station where power is generated by multi-directional wind turbines and solar panels producing renewable, carbon-free energy. Energy available day and night will be harnessed, with each individual shelter generating approximately 820 kilowatt-hours a year, enough electricity to supply a house for three months.

This energy will power the lighting, CCTV and live timetable information boards in the shelters. Every shelter is constructed using hundreds of recycled plastic bottles. The shelter roofs are also put to work thanks to a low-growing plant called 'sedum', giving back to nature with pockets of urban wilderness, providing a home for insects and bees and absorbing carbon.

Over the lifespan of the bus station, carbon savings of 55 tonnes will be achieved, the same as planting more than 750 new trees. It's not just energy saving measures that have been incorporated into the station; the passenger information technology includes improved accessibility and security features such as voice and push button announcements.

Councillor Carolyn Healy (Labour), Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Green Spaces, Natural and



Historic Environment and Cultural Services said, "The bus shelters are another step forward in our green journey to help tackle the climate emergency. We are pioneering the installation of smart shelters powered by solar panels and micro wind turbine technology and were one of the first in the region to welcome bus stops with living roofs – clear examples of how we're actively embedding renewable technology and bringing it to life – helping improve the borough's climate, biodiversity and air quality. The work continues well into the future as for every micro turbine installed, our contractor Etesian Green will plant 10 trees." Technical Director Ben Fagg at Etesian Green said, "Etesian Green is a collaboration of companies formed to deliver next generation renewable solutions to the 'out of home' and outdoor network environments.

Our vision is to accelerate the UK's clean energy transition through the use of our innovative wind and solar technologies at a local level. We

envision bus shelters and stations, streets, car parks, coastlines, business parks, city centres, and remote and residential areas all benefiting from its service. With the ability to be on and off grid we are looking to support EV charging schemes and in partnership with 21st also seeking to provide key statistical data on energy savings, air quality, wind speeds and temperatures. We stand on the threshold of a new, greener, and more resilient era. Together we hold extraordinary power in our hands."

A further £250,000k is being invested over the next two years with more eco bus shelters being rolled out in support of Telford & Wrekin Council's bid to make the borough cleaner, greener and safer.

Wrekin Rowers Complete Atlantic Ocean challenge



Four rowers have completed a 3,000-mile (4,800 km) challenge of crossing the Atlantic ocean from the Canary Islands to Antigua. Brothers and former Charlton students, Gary and Stuart Richards joined fellow crew members Stuart Shepherd and Martin Skehan for the Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge on 12 December 2021.

The Wrekin Rowers crew from Shropshire successfully finished their 40-day odyssey and raised more than £100,000 for charity. They were the 15th team to reach Antigua and the only team unlucky enough to be struck by a marlin causing their boat to take on water! But the enterprising crew used a lunch box to patch up the hole which was “as big as two fists put together”.

They jointly thanked their supporters in Wellington after crossing the finishing line, “The people of Shropshire, especially Wellington, have been behind us the whole way,” they said, “They got together in the square to sing our sea shanty. We’re humbled by the support they’ve given us and we’re just proud to have represented you on this journey.”

Participants began their journey in La Gomera, the second smallest island in the Canaries. The men said they were pleased with their progress, covering over 70 miles on some days. They achieved their fundraising goal of £100,000 for Severn Hospice and the Royal National Institute of Blind People.



Anyone who wishes to support the Wrekin Rowers fundraising can do so at [justgiving.com/team/wrekin-rowers](https://www.justgiving.com/team/wrekin-rowers).

Charlton is rated Gold!

During this Spring 2022, our students took part in the Active Lives Children and Young People Survey as part of a study for Sport England. The purpose of the survey was to provide Sport England and their partners with important information about activity levels and other aspects of health and wellbeing among children and young people in England. Using the answers provided a rating was given in relation to food education, school food standards, participation in PE and active travel to school. We are very happy to announce that we were given a Gold Healthy Schools Rating! Thank-you to all those who took part.

World Book Day

Staff and students jumped into role to celebrate the 25th birthday of World Book Day recently. Reading at Charlton is a big deal, amongst other initiatives, staff deliver a daily 20-minute reading session to all students, every day! The aim of the sessions is to promote a love of reading and to boost literacy skills.

Mr Robinson, Literacy Coordinator at Charlton, said, "I am so proud of all of the staff and students at the school, once more the school community has come together to promote and encourage a love of reading. All of the proceeds from today will be used to purchase engaging new books for the school library to continue the school's ambition to turn all young people into readers."

Mr McNaughton, the school Principal said, "At Charlton we are unwaveringly inclusive and determined to eradicate all barriers to educational success, we are committed to ensuring that reading is not a barrier to learning for any of our students and are very proud of the work that is done across the school to instil a love of learning and to encourage reading for pleasure."

Mr Robinson continued, "The total sum of monies raised was £895.46. The money will be used to buy additional texts for Year 7, as they only have one guided reading text, and some replacement texts for other year groups. A huge thank you to all the staff who dressed up—you truly made the day special for the students and they loved seeing so many of their beloved characters in person."



Above: Charlton students enjoying the books purchased with the money raised from World Book Day. The total money raised was £895.46 and has been used to purchase over 300 books for the guided reading session!

Wolverhampton Theatre's Gen-G Youth Ambassador Scheme

We have been asked to share some information from the Wolverhampton Grand Theatre regarding the launch of their new youth ambassador scheme which begins in October 2022. As we are a partner school with the Grand Theatre through the National Theatre's 'Speak Up' project they would like to reach out to Charlton students who might be interested in being part of the theatre. Please see info below.

Introducing Generation Grand, Gen-G! Our brand-new Youth Ambassador scheme!

Wolverhampton Grand Theatre are looking for young people to become Generation Grand. Gen G will be the youth representatives for our theatre. Gen G Ambassadors will play a crucial part in helping to develop how young people engage with the theatre and help to create opportunities for other young people from Wolverhampton and the West Midlands.

Wolverhampton Grand is a long-established theatre in the heart of the Midlands. It receives a wide range of major touring productions including drama, musicals, ballet, dance, opera, variety, concerts, children's shows and one of the biggest pantomimes in the UK, with audiences from across the region and beyond taking advantage of excellent transport links to the city. Admired by performers and audiences alike for its intimate three-tiered Victorian auditorium, the Grand celebrated its 125th Anniversary in December 2019.

Gen G Ambassadors is aimed at local young people and offers great experience in arts management and event planning as well as building teamwork skills and confidence.

The role of the Grand Theatre Young Ambassadors will be to ignite, excite, and inspire the young people of Wolverhampton and the wider community to engage with the Grand Theatre and grow together in a cohort of peers who are committed to theatre and its development and impact in Wolverhampton. The Young Ambassadors will meet monthly to watch, critique, and discuss performances, participate in workshops led by professional artists and share experiences designed to develop leadership skills.

Gen G Ambassadors will provide a vital youth voice in our theatre and help us connect further into the local community. In return, we offer unique opportunities for participants to develop their skills, learn new ones and feel empowered to enact change.

- Access to our First Call and Sixteen25 membership schemes. First Call is specifically designed for those aged 8 – 15 and our Sixteen25 scheme is designed for those aged 16 – 25
- Complimentary tickets to shows and ticket offers
- Pre- and post-show Q&As with cast and creatives
- Access to Grand Arena Youth Theatre membership and

productions (subject to availability)

- School offers when receiving National Theatre touring shows
- The chance to participate in the Panto Project
- Summer School Activities
- The chance to participate in a two-week intensive summer school with performance on Grand Theatre Stage of a musical theatre favourite (subject to availability)
- Skills workshops with industry professionals
- Support to plan and deliver projects and events
- Unique behind the scenes access to our theatre
- Future career planning and guidance

In no more than 500 words, tell us how you would contribute to amplifying the youth voice of the Grand Theatre by becoming one of our youth ambassadors.

Registration is open to young people aged from 8 – 25 years old, from all ethnicities, genders, and backgrounds and of any ability.

Closing date for applications is Monday 5 September.

Email responses to lucy.parker@grandtheatre.co.uk

EXPRESSIVE ARTS TRIPS

Matilda the Musical at the Cambridge Theatre London

In December last year, we took students from the Cast of Matilda JR. (pictured right) to London to watch the professional production of Matilda the Musical in the West End. This was a great opportunity for the students to see the production in person before taking to the stage themselves in February. It was a joyful and wonderful day that was enjoyed by students and staff—even Mr Harris, who came as a last-minute replacement. He was hugely impressed by the standard of performance from all involved.

It was great to see the students inspired by what they had seen, and were then able to enhance their own performance in the schools version of the show.

Next year's production of Mary Poppins is set to be just as good, and we may even get the chance to go and see that show too—so make sure you get involved! Auditions are taking place in September.

Aladdin Pantomime Trip

Also in December—in fact the following day!—we took over 200 year 7 students to The Place Theatre in Oakengates to watch Aladdin. Due to covid it had been a long time since these students had been to a pantomime, and for some of them it was their first time. As they were also studying pantomime in drama, it was a great opportunity for students to see what it is all about and experience live theatre. Students had a wonderful time, and it was great to see so many of them engaging in the trip and having a fun afternoon out.



Year 11 Paper Birds Drama Workshop

Kylie Bird, co-director from Paperbirds, came in to work with the Year 11 students in January. They explored a variety of devising techniques as a starting point for their final BTEC exam unit. Throughout the workshop, students showed dedication and resilience towards their learning, tackling new material, and developing their performance work.

Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time

Year 10 Drama students went to see 'Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time' at Birmingham Hippodrome. Students study this play as part of their first assessment unit, and develop an understanding of how members of the creative team work collaboratively through the production process. From watching this performance students developed an in-depth understanding of the play and were given a valuable insight to how professional theatre is produced.



The Great Big Dance Off Competition

In April, Charlton School's dance company (pictured above) travelled to Warrington to compete in The Great Big Dance Off competition, which is designed specifically for schools. They performed a mash-up of Michael Bublé's 'Feeling Good' and Adele's 'Skyfall'.

The standard of dance was extremely high, and Mrs Crampsie and Miss Wellings were incredibly impressed with the performance our students delivered, and were so proud of the way they conducted themselves.

HLC Dance company also took part in this performance and delivered a wonderful performance. Teachers from other schools even commented on our polite and well-mannered students they said they were a great representation of the school.

Well done all of dance company for your brilliant performance.



Telfords Gotta Dance

Charlton's dance company also took part in Telfords Gotta Dance at The Place recently.

This involves schools and local dance groups from around Telford and Wrekin and gives them an opportunity to showcase their performances. After a successful performance at Charltonbury, it was great for them to do another public performance of their piece 'Find Me' (*pictured above*) which was created by Mrs Crampsie.

The students conducted themselves in an excellent manner and it was great to see them take to the stage again.

HLC Dance Fest

After three years without a show due to covid, June saw the return of HLC's Dance Fest at The Place Theatre in Oakengates.

Many members of our school community had an opportunity to showcase the talent we have at Charlton (*pictured right*) and display how great we are at our expressive arts.

It was a fun, joyful and exciting evening, and a great experience for all involved.

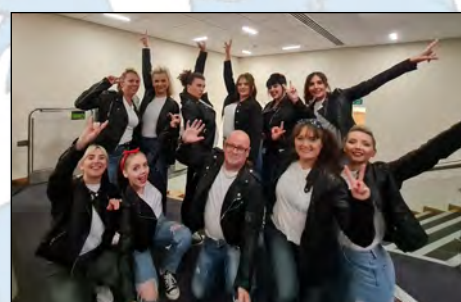
Thank you to HLC for hosting and thank you to everyone who got involved and made it a great team effort.

Coming in 2023... Team blue Take over DISNEYLAND PARIS!

In March 2023, the expressive arts department will be running a trip to Disneyland Paris. Students will take part in a workshop with a professional Disney performer and will also have the chance to perform on the Disney stage!

This is such an amazing once-in-a-lifetime opportunity which has been offered to our committed and hardworking expressive arts students.

Unfortunately, this trip is full but if you have been offered a place and would still like to be added to the reserve list, speak to Miss Wellings as places on the reserve list are still available.



MFL Assistants

During the summer term, the MFL department was extremely lucky to be joined by two German assistants, Luise and Marius. Both are about to complete their teaching degrees at the Technical University Dresden in Germany, Mrs Hamilton-Jahn's Alma Mater, who has arranged their stay as part of her work as regional ambassador.

The students offered a warm welcome and both assistants' help has been much appreciated by colleagues and students alike. Luise and Marius have been busy supporting the year 11 students in their exam preparations from day one, offering speaking support sessions, feedback, hints and tips. They have been busy supporting all other year groups in lessons, completing lots of fun speaking activities, quizzes, many rounds of Bingo, creating engaging resources, enriching teaching through sharing their experiences of life in Germany and supporting French as well as History lessons. Both were also very excited to join our German club every other Wednesday and learn about our pen pals in Germany. This is what both would like to share about their time at Charlton:

"I have been at Charlton School since the beginning of the term and can look back on a very exciting, educational, and eventful time. Not only have I been able to gain many new insights into the British school system during my time here, but I have also gained a lot of experience that will help me in my future career as a teacher in Germany. All in all, it was an unforgettable experience! I am very grateful to the school, the staff, and especially the MFL teachers who have made me feel so welcome from day one. I very much



A REWARDING EXPERIENCE

Luise and Marius (centre) supported the MFL team.

hope that I have also been of help to the students of the school and to the teachers and I am looking forward to my last few weeks at Charlton School." – Marius

"I have also been at Charlton School since the beginning of term and enjoy working with the teachers and students. The MFL staff are very kind and I have felt comfortable since the first day. It is incredibly educational and interesting to discover the British school system and to experience the differences to Germany. Since I want to become an English teacher in Germany, this experience at Charlton is all the more valuable for me and helps me to become an authentic foreign language teacher. I particularly enjoyed supporting the graduating classes with their GCSE preparation, and I hope it was rewarding for them as well. Likewise, I support some French classes, as I am also studying French, which makes my school day quite varied. The collaboration with all MFL teachers has been very pleasant. Most of the students are delighted

when I am in class with them, which makes me feel very welcome. Overall, it is a great and enriching experience for which I am incredibly grateful." – Luise

The MFL department as well as the Charlton community would like to take the opportunity to express a big "Thank You" to both, Luise and Marius, for all their hard work and wish them all the best on their path ahead.

French Café Trip



Seventy-eight Year 7 French students enjoyed an authentic French café experience recently, despite only travelling an hour away.

When they arrived, they were greeted in French and assigned a table number. They then donned their French berets and from that moment they imagined they were in France!

Students first learned the vocabulary for restaurant items and were able to match them to the items in their table groups. Some volunteers were able to memorise as many items as they could—the three champions were Lanto, Ellis and Archie who could all recall six of the new vocabulary from memory.

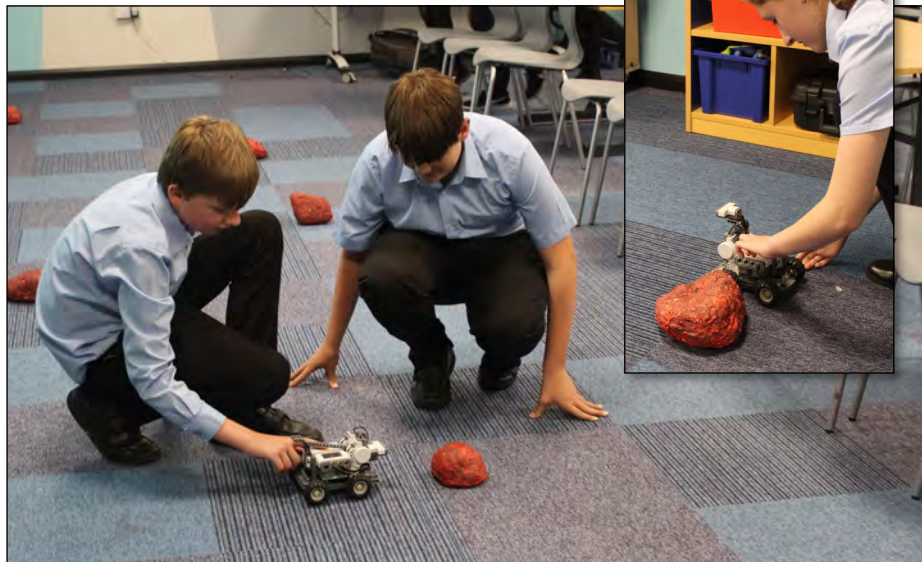
They then ordered a drink and their breakfast items in French (not English, or Rosie the police officer would tell them off). They could choose from things such as hot chocolate, fruit juice, croissant, pain au chocolat and more.

Whilst they ate, they completed a French word puzzle all about the restaurant topic from the earlier activities.

The feedback from the students was that the food was délicieux and the session was très bien!



STEM 2021-22



STEM at Charlton this year has been busy. Fourteen students in Year 7 were invited to visit the National Space Centre in Leicester as part of the LCT's work with the Ogden Trust. They were able to visit the Planetarium and programme Rover vehicles to explore the surface of Mars.

Year 9 students have also had a busy year. We had runners up in the Sustainable Transport STEM challenge in the Autumn term, a visit from Hilary Hampton of Veolia to explain how the waste recycling process is trying to reduce the amount of waste that goes to landfill and during the last week of term, 24 students have taken part in the Shrewsbury College STEM Challenge. We will be looking for students to volunteer to become STEM ambassadors in the Autumn Term. More details to follow!

Year 10 students have been working hard on the FI in schools challenge and made some awesome prototype vehicles.

We have four STEM leaders for Year 11 who will be leading our students on STEM activities and who will be taking part in a STEM Leaders workshop in the Autumn Term. They will be helping to

organise a Science fair, Physics Olympiad, and a Physics book review to name but a few activities. We wish them every success in their new role.

July has also seen the first images from the James Webb telescope which were playing on the screens in school all week. For anyone interested in Space, astronaut Tim Peake is going on tour next year and will be visiting the Theatre Severn in March – a must for all Space fans. Congratulations to Arun G (Year 9) and Eddie D (Year 7) who were the winners of the STEM Moonlander competition.

For any students interested in Art in STEM, have a look at the competition run by the Royal Society of Biology for Biology week (<https://www.rsb.org.uk/get-involved/biologyweek/bioartattack-competition>).

Summer is the perfect time to discover Ecology and there are some fantastic open spaces around the area to do this. Have a look at the following for ideas: <https://www.tcv.org.uk/getinvolved/activity-resources/> and <https://www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/> for ideas. Let us know about your activities for our STEM wall.

CAREERS AND ENTERPRISE

Hair & Beauty Taster Session



A group of year 10 students participated in a taster session at Shrewsbury College as part of their personal guidance to support them with their Post-16 choices. The students were able to style the hairdresser dummies, and treat each other to a manicure!

Work Experience

During the week of 4th to 8th April, year 10 had the opportunity to participate in a work experience of their choosing.

Three quarters of the year group managed to secure a physical placement whilst the rest of the students stayed in school and participated in a virtual programme.

The placements ranged from hairdressing to outdoor education centres. All of the students had great feedback from their employers.

The students who participated in the virtual work experience were able to choose from a range of opportunities, and those who completed the activities in enough detail secured themselves certificates. A big well done to those students who achieved distinctions for their work!

If you are able to offer our students a work experience placement or would like to come in and tell the students about your career, please contact Mrs Soulby on careers@charlton.uk.com

Army Challenge Day



A group of year 9 students attended an Army Challenge Day at Donnington Barracks to experience what a day in the Army would be like. The day was split into six one-hour long sessions to ensure that the students experienced as much as possible throughout the day. Each student was given a goodie bag which included a t-shirt, water bottle and mug. Lunch consisted of Army ration packs!

Wrekin College Critical Thinking Day

Twenty-five year 10 students attended a Critical Thinking and Employability Day at Wrekin College. There were three activities based around languages, politics and psychology. They then paired up to complete a communication activity to learn how important giving detailed and clear instructions are. Following this, they were given three different interview scenarios to show the students a worse case scenario interview moving up to what a great interview should look like. It was a great experience for the students—and the food was very tasty too!

Health and Social Care at AFC Telford

Allied Healthcare organised an event to promote the range of careers available under the Healthcare bracket. The year 10 Health and Social Care students were invited to talk to the staff available on the day to discuss their options and delve a little deeper into the career routes available.

Cornerstone Enterprise Challenge

A selection of year 8 students participated in a pilot Cornerstone Enterprise Challenge created by the Wrekin Housing Trust. Andriane Usherwood-Brown, the lead for the Marches Hub, hosted the event alongside three employees from Wrekin who judged the overall presentations.

The students had three phases to work through:

Phase 1: Redesign the canteen, to include furniture, entertainment and menus.

Phase 2: Recruitment – design adverts and job descriptions for a canteen manager, chef, serving staff and cleaning staff.

Phase 3: Interview and appoint people to fill the designated roles.

Working in small groups, the students used planning resources to ensure that they could budget the re-design and consider a range of furniture ideas through the catalogue given.



Once their time was up, each group presented their new designs, budget and recruitment with a detailed evaluation of why they had opted for the ideas they had.

The presentations were thorough and creative.

Winning overall were: Sapphire Lamb, Charlie Richards, Connie Eaves, Annalise Holding, Verity Stringer, Ava Lant and Peyton Collier. These students will be invited over to the Wrekin Housing Trust for a day to participate in a range of activities.



Individual students selected for their exceptional contribution were: Paton Barclay, Sophie Thompson-Pallant and Kian Sherry who will also attend the activity day.

Shrewsbury College Visit

The year 10 cohort toured the three campuses of Shrewsbury College: London Road, Welsh Bridge and English Bridge. Each campus hosts a range of courses, London Road is the vocational hub of the college where recent improvements have been made to provide the students with modern facilities. English Bridge delivers Arts, History and English in a traditional setting whereas the modern building of Welsh Bridge offers Sciences, Maths and Humanities. We were offered a warm welcome on each campus with the added bonus of food goodies on London Road!



Telford College Taster Day



All of year 10 attended a taster event at Telford College recently.

Each student selected the option which they wanted to trial in readiness for them applying Post-16.

Having either met or walked to the college from school, they were soon put to work on their chosen tasters.

Charlton staff were invited on a tour of the college to see the new facilities and chat to the college staff.

The students really enjoyed the experience and we hope to attend more events like this.

Outdoor Fun Club

We have all been having fun in the sun and shade with our small SEN outdoor fun club!

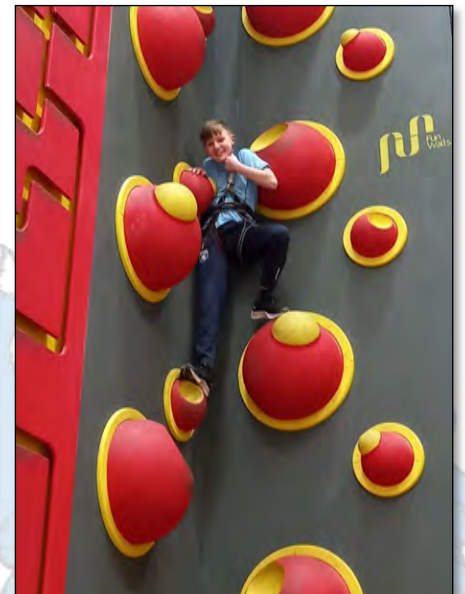
We have been busy throwing bean bags, playing outdoor dominoes and swing ball! Our students have been showing great resilience, team work and a giving it a go attitude!

Well done guys!



Climbing Walls

Our students had great fun at the climbing walls earlier this year! We saw teamwork, confidence and great resilience throughout the session. Thank goodness Mrs Davies and Mrs Skelding weren't made to climb! We hope to have another outing in the new school year... our students may have mentioned Mcdonalds... Mr Harris how full is your wallet?



Social Club

Social club have been busy meeting up each week. From playing games such as Pictionary and headbands to painting money boxes!

And we all look forward to biscuits!



Wildwood Alpacas

Our students have had a great time visiting Wildwood alpacas to engage in some alpaca therapy. During their visits we have seen their confidence increase and excellent teamwork and communication. Well done to all that have been! Thank you to all the members of staff too that have supported these trips!



Autism in Schools Project

This year we have been lucky enough to be part of the Autism in Schools project. It has certainly made us think about how we can make Charlton a more neurodiverse and inclusive school.

The project has had many elements to it:

- Termly Evaluations of the project itself and, more importantly, the sharing of good practice across Telford & Wrekin, Shropshire and schools from around the West Midlands area. It has also allowed for collaboration with a range of schools of varying sizes and demographic groups.
- PODS (Parents Opening Doors) has used Charlton as a base to connect with the parents and carers of our students who are neurodiverse. Several sessions have taken place over the last four months and these sessions have been invaluable. Parents and carers have been able to explore support for their children, find out how to gain a diagnosis and meet other parents who share experiences with children who may find school challenging.
- Staff attended webinars to see how to develop methods to make the school more 'autism friendly'. The whole cohort of teaching staff took part in an after school CPD session to investigate how Charlton could engage with this moving forward.
- During Autism Acceptance Week, Miss Knight allowed her classroom to be turned around. This was something that was discussed at one of the information webinars, and it was

a useful experiment to see how we can make it easier for our autistic students to enter a classroom once a lesson had started without causing them increased anxiety. They agreed that it made it so much easier for them and that they preferred making an unobtrusive entrance.

- PODS arranged for the Sensory Bus to visit Charlton at the end of June and parents and carers were invited to join them through PODS. The Sensory Buss highlights the importance of being mindful of individuals who experience sensory difficulties. It encourages people to think about how individuals can be supported and allows for a broader understanding of how someone with sensory needs must adapt to an ever-changing environment, not only at school, but within society as a whole.
- Autism West Midlands came to Charlton to trial a 'Building Confidence' session for a small group of our students. This comprised six sessions over a six-week period and allowed students who struggle with their confidence to share their experiences at school. It provided reassurance and showed them how to build resilience and create strategies which they could utilise on a daily basis.
- Charlton has recently arranged for a Sensory Audit of the school to take place. Visitors came into School to experience what Charlton is like throughout the day with a particular focus upon all that is sensory. They looked at the general environment; noise

levels; appeal of displays around school; arrangement of classrooms including seating, tables, floor space, and lighting.

Finally, we recently received the great news that the project has been given more funding to enable it continue next year. We hope that Charlton will again be included so we can continue to develop everyone's understanding of best practice for our neurodiverse students. We especially hope to be involved in creating a more autism friendly school, leading the way within the Learning Trust, to become an advocate for good standard practice in this area.

Supporting Neurodiverse Students in Physical Education

Charlton's PE department are exploring how they can encourage more of our neurodiverse students to enjoy physical education at Charlton by joining clubs and experiencing sport in their own way.

Some of our students recently enjoyed a trip to Climbing Walls in Shrewsbury for an afternoon of rock climbing. The afternoon gave students a fun opportunity to use their communication and team-building skills, and to display resilience when faced with new challenges in their own way and at their own pace.

The Exotic Zoo Experience

Our SEN students enjoyed a visit from the Exotic Zoo recently. Twenty students participated in three sessions, which were cross-curricular and encouraged them to gain knowledge and understanding

of the animals which visited and the topics presented:

Session 1: The Rainforest

Session 2: Habitats

Session 3: Careers

Students were able to see the animals close up and experience holding them if they wanted to — even members of staff came out of their comfort zone and joined in which helped to illustrate resilience when faced with a challenge. The whole experience was so well received by our students they want us to arrange a repeat visit!

Maths Club

This school year, the SEN Department launched their own Maths Club with the goal of bridging the gap and providing new, adaptive methods of learning for our SEN students. The club gave students the opportunity to explore maths in a more visual, tactile, and functional manner. Led by Ms Montgomery, invited students from years 7, 8, and 9 had the opportunity to practice maths-based life skills, including telling the time, calculating prices, and dealing with the four operations. Different strategies were used to communicate these concepts: students used Lego bricks to demonstrate different fractions; used real coins to count out change; and were given their own clocks with moveable hands for learning about analogue time. They even had the opportunity to play at being teacher themselves by picking a maths topic and teaching it to the rest of the students in the room. All in all, students gained valuable skills, knowledge, and confidence to tackle mathematical problems— and to see that maths can be fun!



Charltonbury Bake Off

As always, the Charlton Bake Off was well received this half term.

We challenged our students to get creative using the theme of the Jubilee for their cakes.



Young Leaders

Throughout the year, Charlton students have had many opportunities to lead at a variety of sports events.

For the Primary events to take place leaders are needed to help run them and we have been delighted to be able to support with our wonderful students.

Some of the opportunities include cricket, refereeing primary football games, archery, basketball, dance, tennis, commonwealth games festivals and quidditch.

We are very proud of how well our students presented themselves and represented Charlton School. We have had some lovely comments from the organisers and the primary school staff:

"I just wanted to say that the staff who attended the Dance Festival for me were so impressed with the Sports Leaders. They couldn't remember the name, but they referenced a particular leader as being excellent throughout. Thank you for giving our children that experience."

Mr Al-Asmar

St Lawrence Primary School

"Can you thank the young leaders that were there, they were on the ball the whole morning giving encouragement and support to all the children, a real credit to their school."

Mr Evitts

Holmer Lake Primary School

A massive well done to all our students from Year 7-11 for being fantastic leaders! We are looking forward to many more opportunities for our young leaders next year.



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Matilda production finally takes to the stage at Wellington's Charlton School

By [Sue Austin](#) | [Wellington](#) | [Education](#) | Published: Feb 11, 2022 | Last Updated: Feb 11, 2022

Matilda is finally making it to the stage at a Telford school this week after Covid delays.



Some of the cast of Matilda

Students at Charlton School, Wellington, are in the final throws of rehearsal for their annual school production.

The Roald Dahl story tells of the anarchy of childhood and the power of imagination, the story of Matilda who dreams of a better life and discovers she has special powers.

Performances are February 16, 17 and 18 at 7pm with tickets from the school's finance officer or reception, priced £3.50 and £4.

Beth Wheat, the show's director, said Matilda was packed with high-energy dance numbers and catchy songs and was a joyous girl-power romp.

More than 120 Charlton students are performing in the show and many more are helping backstage with costume, makeup, lighting and sound and stage management.

"The main cast are a core team of dedicated performers who have featured in many performances at both Charlton and other local societies. The students have risen incredibly to the challenge of an incredibly tough musical score and ambitious choreography," Miss Wheat said.

Jenny Aldridge, Kayci Taylor and Haleemah Mahmood share the lead role of Matilda, while Noah Conner and Robin-Tyler Dawson take on the role of Headmistress, Miss Trunchbull.

Alice Swain, Aidyn Green and Paige Collier share the role of Miss Honey. James Killian and Tommy Taylor play Matilda's father Mr Wormwood and Lizzy Pearson and Maya Griffiths are Mrs Wormwood while Caitlin Brown plays Mrs Phelps.

"I have been blown away by students' dedication and commitment to this show despite all of the challenges from Covid-19 over the last couple of years," Miss Wheat said.

"So many students are participating in this production and it really has been an extraordinary experience for all involved. From creating the magic to rehearsing the complex scores of Tim Minchin and adventurous choreography that has been created by our dedicated dance teachers Amy Crampsie and Jodie Wellings. "

Andy McNaughton, the school principal, said he was delighted that the production could finally take place.

"I am proud of the resilience students have shown despite the many challenges they have encountered during the rehearsal process, I am sure the production will be a huge success and reflect the talent and commitment of Charlton students."

Charltonbury music festival back on stage this year

By [Sue Austin](#) | [Wellington](#) | Published: May 19, 2022

Hundreds of students from across Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin are preparing for the popular Charltonbury festival.

Charlton School's own version of Glastonbury, the festival attracts music, dance and drama performers from primary and secondary school.

In 2019 the last time the event was staged in full, more than 700 members of the community enjoyed the evening.

This year Charltonbury will be held on June 10 from 4-8pm.

Assistant vice principal at Charlton School, Anna Vickers said preparations for the event were going well.

Those already signed up include Dothill Primary Rock Band, St Patricks Guitar Duo, Queenswood Dancers, St Peters Rock Band, St Patricks Dance Group, Apley Primary Rock Band, Apley Dancers, High Ercall Rock Band, Shrewsbury Primary Dancers, St Patricks Rock Band, Apley Primary Guitar Duo, Lilleshall Primary and many more.

"We are also expecting some amazing performances from our primary and secondary partners and guest performers from Telford Park secondary school and New College. Of course, there will be Charlton's own dance company, choir, bands, drama groups and solo performers. We are also very excited to be joined for the first time by Inspire Dance Company who will be showcasing their talent at the event as well as a cheerleading group who will be doing a stunt demo in the main reception area."

"The festival has been virtual for the last two years because of Covid restrictions but we are back for 2022. You can still view the 2021 virtual festival on the school's website and many of the performers from 2021 will be taking the stage this year for real and are looking forward to welcoming their audience.

As well as the performances there are also student led games and activities, fire engines, police vans, inflatable assault courses and bouncy castles.

"If you know of an organisation who may want to have a food, craft or community stall at the event please ask them to contact anna.vickers@charlton.uk.com, it is not too late to be involved."

"The festival is timed to coincide with the schools Jubilee celebrations and will have the theme of celebrating multicultural Britain in honour of the Queen's Jubilee. There is also an Arts and Craft marketplace and food festival including Southeast Asian, Caribbean and hot dog food stalls, cakes, pancakes and of course an ice cream van, slush and candyfloss for those with a sweet tooth."

"At Charlton we pride ourselves in being at the heart of the local community and look forward to welcoming our visitors and guest performers for a night of musical and cultural celebration. Tickets for the event are just £2 in advance and £2.50 on the day. Wristbands to gain entry can be purchased from reception or finance in advance or on the door."

PE Awards Evening



In July the PE department hosted their Awards Evening for the first time since 2019, to celebrate the students' sporting achievements and effort.

We are pleased to announce that 2021-22 has been another incredibly successful year, culminating in Charlton winning the Learning Community Trust Head-to-Head competition earlier this month.

There has also been unparalleled sporting success in a range of individual sports which have been celebrated on the PE social media sites: Facebook and Instagram - charltonschoolpe. Once again, we have seen Charlton students compete, and succeed, at District, County, Regional, National and International level.

We were very fortunate to have Talan Skeels Piggins, and Lilly Ives

Campion as a special guests and speakers at the awards night. Talan is a double 600cc Motorcycle world champion and Winter Paralympian and Lilly is an ex-student who is part of the U20's England Rugby squad and Loughborough Lightning player. We are very grateful to them both for supporting the evening and presenting the awards.

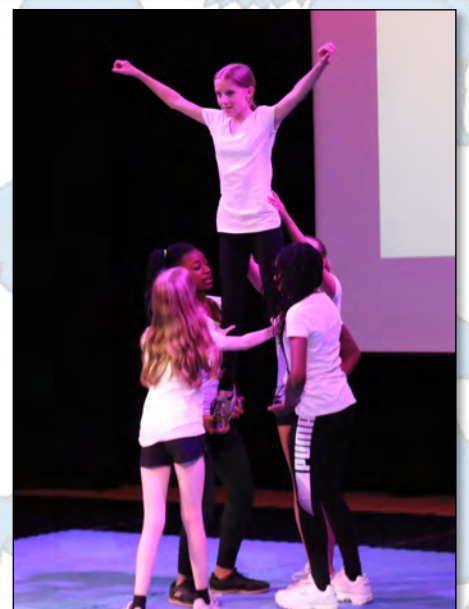
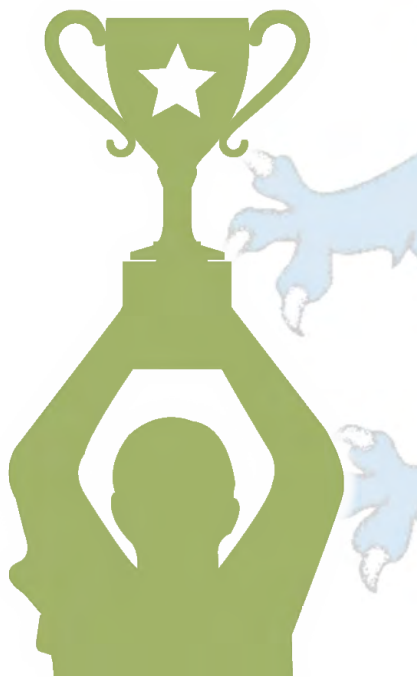
One of our headline awards is the 'Team of the Year Award'. This category was hotly contested with the following teams finishing in the top three:

- In 3rd place we have the Year 8/9 Rugby team who have been undefeated for three years, also winning the County Cup.
- In joint 2nd place we have the Year 10 Basketball Team who are County cup Champions, beating William Brookes,

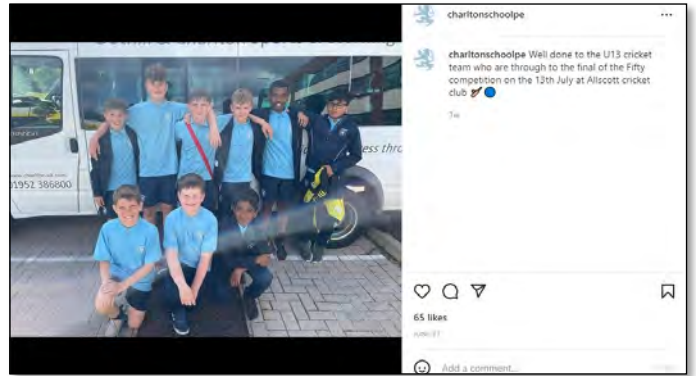
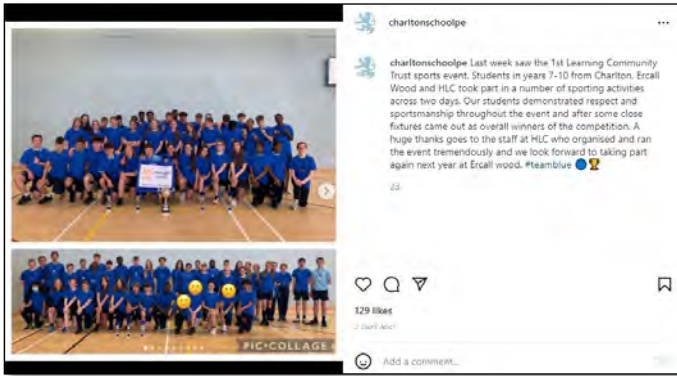
Oswestry and Burton Borough and Year 7/8 Cricket Team who are indoor district Champions and County Champions.

- The winners though for the best team achievement were the Y9 football team. This team has won the Country Cup and have played 6 games, winning all 6, including matches against opponents such as Shrewsbury School, Wrekin College and Adams Grammar school.

Well done to all the students who were nominated for sports awards and to those individuals and teams who have achieved so much over the year but who narrowly missed out.



PE Highlights



charltonschoolee

charltonschoolee Well done to the U13 cricket team who won their quarter final of the fifty tournament against a well organised Ercall Wood.

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charltonschoolee

charltonschoolee Congratulations to the boys cricket team who are county champions 🏆 Also well done to the girls who finished 3rd 🏆

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charltonschoolee

charltonschoolee Another super shoutout to Y8 Archie for representing England North against Scotland and England South during half term in Dumfries. He earned himself three assists by setting up three goals and the team won three games and drew one of the four they played. Well Done Archie! 🏒🏆

#teambblue #resilience #britishvalues #CharltonPride

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JUN 7

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charltonschoolee

charltonschoolee A fantastic day at the @cricketshropshire inclusive festival yesterday. Well done to all who took part and the leaders who helped make the event a huge success. 🏆

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charltonschoolee

charltonschoolee Amazing effort by the year 7 athletics team in todays competition at Okeengates in preparation for the TWSSA athletics tournament in June - good luck 🍀

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charltonschoolee

charltonschoolee A massive congratulations to the year 8/9 Rugby team who have been crowned County Cup Champions 🏆 beating very strong sides from Shrewsbury School, Adams Grammar, Corbett SJT and Ludlow. Well done to all the students and supporters! 🍀

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charltonschoolee

charltonschoolee Very proud of our year 11 team who lost in the semi final 2-0 to a strong @telford_langley_school side. It's been a privilege for Charlton to have you all apart of our community and we wish you all the very best in the exams and in the future 🍀

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MAY 20

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charltonschoolee

charltonschoolee So close. The year 9s lost 2-1 in the county cup final against Thomas Telford with the best kick of the game. These lads have put in a fantastic effort all season and have represented the school in the correct way. Congratulations boys county runners up and district champions. #proud 🏆

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MAY 11

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charltonschoolee

charltonschoolee Hugh congratulations to the year 10 team who lifted the County Presidents Trophy. 🏆 Last night after winning on penalties against a very strong William Brookes side. Thank you to all the parents, cares and families who have supported the students this season 🍀

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charltonschoolee

charltonschoolee Well done to a great set of year 10s for reaching the final of the district cup losing narrowly 3-0 to a very strong @pe_bbs team. Looking forward to the County final on Wednesday to get some well deserved silverware after a great season.

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charltonschoolpe Great performance but unfortunately the cup run ends for the year 8 team who lost during sudden death penalties 🙏
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charltonschoolpe
charltonschoolpe Another fantastic performance by the year 9 football team winning 3-0. A second final to look forward to with this group 🙏
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charltonschoolpe Great effort by the year 9/10 rugby team who battled hard against a very tough Oswestry School team. Outstanding sportsmanship and never gave up - well done lads 🙏
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charltonschoolpe
charltonschoolpe Well done to the year 7 football team on reaching the District Cup final winning 1-0 vs TTS 8 team.
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charltonschoolpe
charltonschoolpe Great game between the year 10s and 11s on Thursday with the 11s winning comfortably 2-0 in the end. A very close battle played in the right way by both teams. Good luck in the quarters and semi finals coming up, we are very proud of all our teams 🙏
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charltonschoolpe The Y9&10 students who took part in the TMS&A swimming gala today @wrekincollege #teamblue #proud @charltonschoolnews
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charltonschoolpe
charltonschoolpe Fantastic performance in tough conditions by the year 9s who won there semifinal and will play in the county final.
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charltonschoolpe Well done to the year 10 girls who played fantastically well in horrible conditions in the U15 County netball Plate #teamblue #resilience #britishvalues #CharltonPride
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charltonschoolpe
charltonschoolpe Great win for the year 10 basketball team who beat Oswestry School 34-23 tonight. A very competitive game - well done to both teams!
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MARCH 15
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Children Abused Through
Exploitation

A service for young people
aged 13 -19 at risk of
exploitation

Who are 'CATE' and what do we do?

- A small team within the local Council
- Committed to identifying and working with young people who are at risk of Child Sexual Exploitation
- We build positive and trusting relationships to increase awareness and reduce the risk of CSE
- Working in partnership with all relevant agencies; Police, Safeguarding, Education, Health Services, Social Services and Voluntary Sector
- Offer one to one support delivering the CATE intervention pack covering 6 themes: 'What is CSE?', 'Healthy Relationships', 'Understanding Grooming', 'Internet Safety', 'Sex and the law', 'Peer pressure'
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What to do if you are worried about a child and sexual exploitation...

Contact:

FamilyConnect

01952 385385

familyconnect@telford.gov.uk

(Out of hours: 01952 676500)

We will require you as parents/carers to consent to any work we undertake if the young person is under the age of 16.

What is Child Sexual Exploitation?

"Child sexual exploitation is a form of sexual abuse in which a child or young person is exploited, coerced and/or manipulated into engaging in some form of sexual activity in return for something they need or desire and/or for the gain of a third person.

The 'something' received by the child can include both tangible items such as food, somewhere to stay, drugs, alcohol, cigarettes or money and more intangible 'rewards' such as perceived affection, protection or a sense of belonging. Fear of what might happen if they do not comply can also be a significant influencing factor.

Common to all these scenarios is an imbalance of power in favour of the abuser and some degree of coercion, intimidation, exploitation, violence and/or enticement of the child or young person." (DSCF 2009)

The abuse can be perpetrated by groups or individuals, and by adults or peers.

**If you are worried about a child and sexual exploitation
phone FamilyConnect on 01952 385385**

Term Dates

AUTUMN TERM 2022

Term Starts Tuesday 6th September
(Years 7 & 11 only)
Wednesday 7th September
(Whole school)

Half Term Monday 24th -
Friday 28th October

Term Ends Friday 16th December

SPRING TERM 2023

Term Starts Wednesday 4th January

Half Term Monday 20th -
Friday 24th February

Term Ends Thursday 30th March

SUMMER TERM 2023

Term Starts Monday 17th April

May Bank

Holiday Monday 1st May

Half Term Monday 29th May -
Friday 2nd June

Term Ends Friday 21st July

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