



Our students pose with the Mayor of the London Borough of Bromley and their awards at this years Jack Petchey Awards.

Chislehurst  
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# School Newsletter



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Year 9 Dance students visit The Peacock Theatre in London. [Read more inside.](#)



## Chislehurst School celebrates some great exam results!

All the news on this Summer's GCSE and A Level exam successes. [Read more inside.](#)

Dear Readers

May I take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We returned in September after a successful and enjoyable Summer break. Our GCSE and A Level results were very pleasing again, which gives a positive boost to the start of the new academic year.

Whilst we give priority to settling in our new students in Year 7 and Year 12, we also turn our attention to recruitment again for the following year. My thanks to Mrs Tipping and her teams, for leading both key events: Open Evening in September and Sixth Form Opportunities Evening in October. Both events were exceptionally well attended and our surveys from the evenings demonstrated how positively parents and students responded to the School.

May I take this opportunity to remind Year 11 girls to hand in their application forms by 12.12.16 (end of term at the latest please!). Meetings are already being arranged for students and parents, with senior staff, to take place in January 2017. Should you have brothers, cousins or other male friends, please remember that we have a co-educational Sixth Form and they are also welcome to apply.

As you can see from this edition, we have been incredibly busy this term. I thank all of my staff for giving their time so generously in order to support and offer additional activities, for our students. The end of term has its' usual round of Christmas themed events. These include: The Christmas Concert on the 13th Dec and the popular staff and Sixth Form panto on the 15th Dec. Again, all staff have worked hard in order to ensure that these were successful and enjoyable events for our students in the busy run up to Christmas.

We say goodbye to 2 colleagues at the end of this term: Miss Stubbs in Art, who is joining a college and Mr Coleman from Technology, who retires after 17 years of loyal service to the School. We wish them both well in their futures.

Please note the news item regarding the End of/Start of Term Arrangements dates and timings. Here's to a peaceful and prosperous 2017.

Regards

*KJ Raven*

Mrs K J Raven  
Headmistress

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## Dance Theatre Trip



### The Snowman

Seventeen Year 9 GCSE students went to see 'The Snowman' on the 30th November at The Peacock Theatre in London performed by Rambert Dance Company.

Students were treated to a magical afternoon of dance and theatre which helped everyone get into the Christmas mood.

## Hour of Code

Hour of Code is on Thursday evening this week. This year's new focus is Moana (Disney) and a new Minecraft challenge. All of year 7 & 8 are invited to join us.

Hour of Code is a global event held during Computer Science Week 5th - 11th December. 1 million students or more across the world will login and take up the challenge. Hour of Code is a fun, interactive set of programming challenges to extend problem solving skills.



## E-Safety this Christmas

With the prices of laptops, notebooks and tablets as affordable as ever, many parents will be looking to treat their children this Christmas. Chislehurst School for Girls encourages the use of such technology, both at home and at school, but how can we make sure they are safe?

Below are some apps that are increasingly popular with young children. We believe it is imperative that parents know all there is to know about what their children may or may not be using.

### Texting apps

Kik Messenger  
ooVoo  
WhatsApp

### Self-destructing/secret apps

Burn Note  
Snapchat  
Whisper  
Yik Yak

### Micro-blogging apps and sites

Instagram  
Tumblr  
Twitter  
Vine

### Chatting, meeting, dating apps and sites

MeetMe  
Omegle  
Skout  
Tinder

We have written up a guide that is available to download on our website [www.chislehurstschoolforgirls.co.uk/160/e-safety](http://www.chislehurstschoolforgirls.co.uk/160/e-safety) as a helpful tool for you to be vigilant this Christmas.

## Music Trip

The Music Department took 30 students from years 7-13 committed to extra-curricular musical activities on a reward trip to a drama workshop based around the musical 'Les Miserables' followed by a performance of the same musical.

The students involved had a great day, which hopefully inspired them to great performances at the upcoming Christmas concert!



# International Schools' Award

Chislehurst School for Girls has been awarded the British Council's prestigious International School Award a second time in recognition of its work to bring the world into the classroom.

The International School Award is a badge of honour for schools that do outstanding work in international education, such as through links with partner schools overseas. Fostering an international dimension in the curriculum is at the heart of the British Council's work with schools, so that young people gain the cultural understanding and skills they need to live and work as global citizens.



Chislehurst School's international work includes: an international day to discover a variety of cultures, an international project with Africa on the theme of "Happiness" which included a teacher exchange, several students exchanges, trips with Europe and a real drive to celebrate the diversity within the school.

John Rolfe, from the British Council, said: 'The school's fantastic international work has rightfully earned it this prestigious award. The International School Award is a great chance for schools to demonstrate the important work they're doing to bring the world into their classrooms. Adding an international dimension to children's education ensures that they are truly global citizens and helps prepare them for successful future careers in an increasingly global economy.'

The award is now available worldwide in countries such as India, Sri Lanka, Egypt, Lebanon, Cyprus and Pakistan as part of the British Council's Connecting Classrooms programme. Around 5,000 International School Awards have been presented to successful schools in the UK since the scheme began in 1999.

The International School Award encourages and supports schools to develop:

- An international ethos embedded throughout the school
- A majority of pupils within the school impacted by and involved in international work
- Collaborative curriculum-based work with a number of partner schools
- Curriculum-based work across a range of subjects
- Year-round international activity
- Involvement of the wider community

## OPEN EVENTS FEEDBACK

Thank you to all of those families who visited us at one of our recent Open Events. We had a fantastic turn out at both our Open Morning and Open Evening. The Post 16 Opportunities Evening also was a great success.

Thank you to all those who also took part in our feedback survey. We value your feedback. I am delighted to say the 96% of respondents agreed that the events were a success and provided them with everything that they needed to make the all important decision regarding their daughter's secondary schooling at Chislehurst School for Girls.

Here are some of the comments:

*'Very impressed with A Level results and quality of students'*

*'Loved the school'*

*'The girls were a credit to your school'*

*'Brilliant evening, very informative. Fantastic students on the tour and around the classrooms'*

*'Definitely considering the school as 1st choice'*

*'Very good Head's presentation. We will return for Open Morning'*

*'Great evening. Great school.'*

# Windows 10/Office 2016 Upgrade

The entire School has now been upgraded to Windows 10. Windows 10 is Microsoft's new Operating System. It combines the best bits of the old (Windows XP and 7) and the new (8, 8.1), while correcting nearly all of the missteps of Windows 8. We have also upgraded Microsoft Office (Word, PowerPoint etc) across the school from 2010 to the new 2016.

This works alongside our Office 365 upgrade from last year and as well as all the new features that come with these, it also allows for much easier collaboration between the online features and cloud storage.



## School Website Feedback - We have listened!

Thank you to all those who took the time to complete our Website Survey before the Summer break.

As a result of some of your feedback we will be developing the School's website in the following areas:

In the survey, a few parents expressed how they found it difficult to find the School term dates. These are available with 2-clicks: 'Our School-Term Dates'. However, to make it even more simple, we have added a handy 'search site' function to the homepage to make looking for certain areas/documents such as these much easier.

Many expressed wanting to see more detail with regards to homework. We will be introducing the 'Show my Homework' app link. This allows Parents to see in much more detail the homework being set and completion dates. The link to 'Show My Homework' went live on our website October Half Term. [\(more about this on next page\)](#).

We have launched a Twitter Feed for our Sixth Form Centre. Follow us [@CHSFG\\_Sixthform](#).

More events and trips will be added to the main calendar throughout the year. As well as more up-to-date information regarding early closure days and strike days.

We will also be adding an SEN Page with Key Staff details and how to contact them.

Other areas we will be considering modifying in coming months include:

- Adding Staff email addresses onto our full staff list, so that parents can contact the member of staff they require directly.
- We will be looking into how we can modify the colouration in certain areas of the website to make it easier to read.
- A full School Twitter account
- An Online Payment System
- Online Parents' Evening Applications
- Online Assessment data.



# Fantastic Exam Results This Summer

Congratulations to all our Year 11 and Sixth Form students at Chislehurst School for Girls on their outstanding success at GCSE with 77% of students attaining 5 or more passes at A\* to C and 47% achieving 5 or more at A\* to B grades.

Their success is due to the dedication of students, parents, carers and staff, working together for the benefit of everyone in the Chislehurst School community.

Whilst Chislehurst School is proud of all its students, special mention must be given to Tarin Farhana who achieved 7 A\* grades, Anna Bradford and Florrie Burke who each achieved 6 A\* grades, and Olivia Brady, Alice Gant and Angelica Izuchukwu each gaining 5 A\* grades.



Iman & Elizabeth show off their exam results with Ms Singer.

Mrs Raven (Headmistress) congratulated the delighted students:

***"We are very proud of the excellent achievement of our girls. They have worked hard and deserve their success!"***

Mrs Tipping (Senior Deputy Headmistress) added:

***"Parents, you have played a very important part in your child's achievement. We are delighted that your daughters will be building upon their success here in our Sixth Form. This year our A-level students have again achieved an outstanding 100% pass rate at A-level."***

An advertisement for Show My Homework software. The background is blue with various school supplies like a ruler, pencil, and eraser. The text reads: "We're excited to launch Show My Homework, our new online homework software for students &amp; parents". There is a logo for SMHW and a smartphone displaying the app interface. A link says "Click here for more details".



## Show my Homework

We are delighted to be able to inform you that you will be able to view your daughter's/son's homework on our school website or via the free Show My Homework app. This new opportunity is part of a package called "Show My Homework". It will give you the ability to monitor the content and deadlines of each piece of work.

We are trialling this new system in response to your school surveys, in order to help parents be aware of the homework that has been set. Logging details will be distributed to all students via their tutors and our website link is now live.

Please note that during the first two terms, planners will still be in use to record homework.

# Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to all of our wonderful staff who took part in Chislehurst School for Girls' biggest ever Macmillan Coffee Morning.

We hosted our very own Coffee Morning for Macmillan in the staff room, where lots of us got into the 'bake off' mood and had fun socialising and munching on the wonderful cakes donated by staff on the day. We had so many fantastic cakes and a great atmosphere.

We raised an amazing **£173** for Macmillan.



# Students Honoured at the Jack Petchey Awards 2016

On the 21st November Mrs Burke, our Jack Petchey Coordinator, and some of our outstanding students and staff attended the Jack Petchey Award Ceremony at the Churchill Theatre in Bromley.

This was a dazzling event and the Mayor of the London Borough of Bromley, Councillor Ian Payne, presented our students and Science teacher Mrs Searle with their awards.

Here are our fantastic award winners:

Michael McCarthy 13.4  
Jessica Morgan 9C  
Isabella West 10H  
Berfin Demirhan 10H  
Jessica Moss 10H  
Niamh Boyle 9C



For the full gallery of pictures from the event, visit the school's website:  
[www.chislehurstschoolforgirls.co.uk](http://www.chislehurstschoolforgirls.co.uk)

We are proud to be part of the Jack Petchey Award Scheme.



Why not take a look at the website to find out more about this inspiring scheme:  
[www.jackpetcheyfoundation.org.uk](http://www.jackpetcheyfoundation.org.uk)



# Capita - Work Experience

As discussed at our recent Sixth Form Evening, we are delighted to be able to offer work experience to our current Year 12 Students in partnership with Capita.

Work experience is an opportunity for students to participate in the world of work and gain practical experience that will enable them to believe and prove that they can be valuable and productive members of the workforce.

These placements benefit employers who see work experience as vital in providing a talent pipeline for their business. Work experience also works for the wider economy and society, as it brings more people into work and out of long-term unemployment.

## Benefits for students:

- Students will experience industry first-hand.
- It is a chance to gain experience that students can record on their CV.
- Students will discover more about their own skills, talents, interests and knowledge.
- It will show students the skills they need in working life.
- It will help the students identify the skills and talents they already have and those they will need to develop in the future.
- It will help students understand why services, industry and commerce are so important in society.
- Students will develop key skills including confidence, self-esteem as well as learning how to interact with different people.
- It will provide an understanding of the structure and reality of working life.
- It will prepare the student for the transition from college to work.

# Yr9 Science: Forensics Day

It's murder at Chislehurst School – This time it's for real. Kim Kardashian has been murdered and all the Science staff are suspects!

Year 9 agents were asked to analyse the evidence from the crime scene and identify the murderer.

Chemicals, DNA, fingerprints and soil samples were all tested to reveal the truth. At 1.15 pm the agents had identified Mrs Dhir as the murderer. She was arrested and locked up awaiting a trial for bad acting.

Some student agents comments:

- "I enjoyed extracting DNA and analysing fingerprints"*
- "The activity I liked the most was the blood splatter"*
- "The day was great – thanks for the opportunity."*
- "I found it fun and believable."*
- "It was brilliant, from the start I had the right person"*
- "We should see Mrs Dhir actually modelling"*



# Ski Trip to Sportwelt/Amadé – Austria

Easter 2018: 30th March – 6th April 2018

Dear Parents/Carers & Students,

We are planning our next skiing trip for the students of Chislehurst School for Girls.

For those who have never tried it before, skiing is an exhilarating winter sport that gives you the thrills (and occasional spills!) of mastering a new sport in the most breathtaking of scenery.

Those who have skied before will know it is a compelling sport that you will want to pursue for the rest of your life.

Details of the trip are as follows:

It is open to pupils from any year group (providing that they are physically fit and healthy enough to cope with the demands of a sporting holiday and that their behaviour record is good). This trip will explore a brand new area for CHSFG students – Sportwelt/Amadé in Austria.

For more information, please contact Ms Staples: [cstaples@chsg.co.uk](mailto:cstaples@chsg.co.uk) for a form.



## LONDON YOUTH GAMES BADMINTON

On Thursday 10th November the Chislehurst School for Girls Badminton Squad travelled to Langley Park to take part in the qualifying competition for The London Youth Games with both Langley Girls and Newstead Woods providing the opposition.

In KS3 the school was represented by Vanessa Marquez, Shiv Kerupagaran, Tianna Haynes, Ella Wright and Is Nemeth.

The girls played with much spirit and enthusiasm but unfortunately we did not manage to record a victory against some experienced players and eventually finished in third place with 87 points.

In the KS4 category the school was represented by Jess Beckett, Angelina Bonnetti, Cindy Tran and Deborah Adebayo. Even though Angelina, Cindy and Deborah were playing in the higher age category we put up a great performance against some strong opposition. The team achieved four victories with Jess Beckett winning both her singles games where she only conceded 4 points. Angelina and Jess then won a very tense 15-14 doubles match. We then had further success in the doubles when Cindy and Jess breezed past the opposition in a 15-7 victory. Here we finished in second place with 105 points and missed out on top spot (and representing Bromley in The London Youth Games) by a mere 5 points.

All of the girls played with determination and were a credit to the school. The badminton Club is flourishing with Twenty Five year 8 girls regularly attending on Thursday lunchtimes and Twenty girls from Year 7 on a Tuesday lunchtime. If you would like to join, please just turn up.

## Christmas Market Trip

Saturday 26th November, 8am, -1 degrees and a small group of students, some parents, Mrs Burke and I arrived, suitably dressed in Christmas jumpers, for our annual Christmas shopping trip.

Our first destination was Freeport Outlet Centre in Braintree. Surprisingly quiet, but with some Black Friday deals still in the stores, it was a lovely way to start feeling festive.



Then we were off to Bury St Edmunds to visit their wonderful Christmas market. There was a wide variety of stalls offering everything from mince pies to bratwurst, from holly wreaths to long legged elves and of course Christmas scarves to Christmas jumpers. There were even fairground rides that the girls could try out.

Mrs Burke and I saw lots of smiling faces from our girls as we ambled through the market stalls and we were all more than a little weary when we arrived to meet the coach.

Some of the girls were still enjoying their day on the coach home, where we heard lots of giggling and story-telling ... time to start planning our 2018 trip.

On Friday 2nd November the Food Technology student took part in a Master Chef Assessment. They were given the task to adapt a pastry recipe they had learnt over the last term.

They had one hour to prepare, cook, clean up and present their dish so the pressure was on but as you can see from the a few of the photos below, they did an amazing job. Well done girls, you should be feeling very proud of yourselves.

Good effort all of you, sorry I couldn't put all your photos up.

Miss Hosken

## Master Chef Assessment.



## Charity Update

We have been very busy fundraising for our chosen charities this term. Here are some of the highlights:

Our 6th Form hosted an event to support Alopecia Awareness. They wore silly wigs to school for the day. They raised **£149**.



October saw us taking part in Jeans for Genes Day. We raised an amazing **£394.52**.

We support the British Legion each year for Remembrance and sell our sparkly poppies in school.



Each year we support Children in Need. They contacted Mrs Burke to let us know that we are one of the top School fundraisers for this charity. They awarded us this special logo.



This year for Children in Need, we had lots going on:



On Friday 18th November CHSFG supported Children in Need with a variety of great events.

Students and Staff wore something yellow or spotty to school on the day for a small donation of £1 and were also able to purchase a Children in Need wristband.

We had cake sales, a find the Pudsey game and sponsored challenges, which included Mr Daley attempting to eat a whole chocolate cake in 20mins with no hands!

It was a Spotacular day that resulted in us raising a huge amount for Children in Need!

# £1,661

## Raised for Children in Need



## Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children

On 9th December 2016 we're inviting pupils to take part in Christmas Jumper Day to raise money for Save the Children.

Students will get to wear their silliest, sparkliest or cosiest Christmas sweaters and make a donation of £1 (or whatever they can give) to help Save the Children give hope to families in difficulty at Christmas. They don't even need to splash out on a snazzy sweater to take part – just get them to decorate an old or plain jumper with tinsel, baubles or homemade snowflakes to create unique crafty crackers.

You can get regular updates about our amazing fundraising efforts on our school website. A huge thank you for your continued support – we really can't do it without you!! - Mrs Burke and the House team



CHSFG staff pose in their Christmas jumpers

My name is Elizabeth Lundy and I am currently a Year 12 student at Chislehurst School for Girls.

After successfully auditioning, I was lucky enough to be a member of the 2016/ 2017 GB tap team, and had the opportunity to perform and compete in this year's IDO World Tap Dance Championships, in Germany, Riesa.

I loved working with all of the members of my team and the entire week that we were out in Germany was amazing. I competed in 3 different categories; Adult Small Group, & Formation and Production.



I am very proud to say that my Adult Small Group placed fourth in the world, and our winning gold in both Production and Adult Formation means that I am now officially a double world champion, at the age of 17. I hope to continue dancing with the team and I hope that we can achieve more amazing things in the future.

Year 10 students pack out the Sports Hall on Enhancement Day to perform the 'Cup Song' from 'Pitch Perfect' as part of an activity organised by Ms Durrant.



**Quick Bits!**

## Bromley School's Cross Country Championships

The Cross Country Team competed in the Bromley School's Cross Country Championship on 2nd November 2016 at Darrick Wood School.

Emily Davis in 9th position was our top finisher in the Junior event and Eva Bartholomew was our best placed athlete in the Intermediate event finishing 11th.

Those that represented the school were: Emily Davis, Lia Finn, Eva Bartholomew, Amber-Lee Jones and Eimie Bartkus.

Mrs Cornwell was delighted to report that, as a consequence of this event, both Emily Davis and Eva Bartholomew have been selected to represent Bromley in the Kent School's Cross Country Championships at Dover in January 2017.

## Bromley School's Trampoline Competition



On 4th November the Chislehurst School For Girls Trampolining Squad competed in the Bromley School's Trampolining Competition which was held at Hayes School.

Overall the Year 8 Team finished a very creditable 5th position, the Year 9 Team finished in 6th position and the Year 10 Team in 11th position. There were some great individual performances with Alice Brown ending the day in 10th position and Megan Beer in 7th position for their respective Year Groups.

Miss Etheridge, Head of PE, reflected that, *"The girls trained very hard for the event, showed great team spirit on the day and were a credit to the school."*

## END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

**Thursday 15th December** – STAFF/6TH FORM PANTO - \* Students in Years 9-13 have normal lessons in the morning and then will go home at 1.15 pm unless they would like to stay for the first showing of the Staff & 6th Form Panto which starts at 1.15 pm. Entrance is 50p. Those who would like to stay will then go home at the end of the Panto (1.45pm).

\* All students in Years 7 & 8 attend lessons in the morning, have lunch and then return to their form rooms by 1.55 pm, ready to watch the Staff Panto at 2pm. Students will be dismissed direct from the Hall at approx. 2.30 pm.

**Friday 16th December** – LAST DAY OF TERM

YEAR 12 & 13: 6th form students & tutors will be in the 6th form centre from break time onwards, dismissed by the 6th Form Team.

YEAR 11: will have lessons 1 & 2 as normal and then will have assembly through break and will be dismissed by 11.20 am.

YEAR 7, 8, 9 & 10: will have lessons 1 & 2 and break as normal. After break, students have assemblies as follows:

Year 7 & 10 only will be in the first assembly at 11.20 am and dismissed from 11.45am.

Year 8 & 9 only will attend the second assembly at 11.45 am, departing at 12.15 pm.

**BACK TO SCHOOL: TUESDAY 3RD JANUARY 2017 8.30 AM.**