



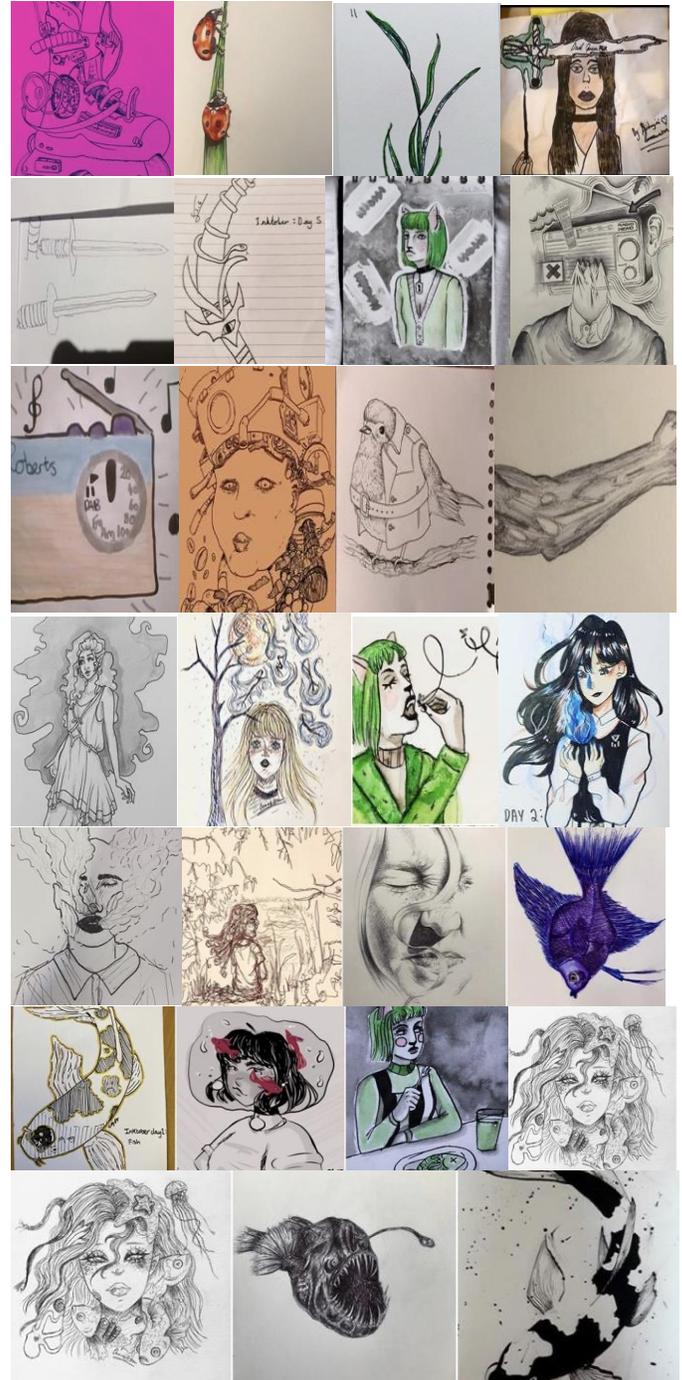
# Chislehurst School for Girls Headteacher's weekly bulletin 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

## Inktober 2020 at CHSFG.



We have set the bar high in the Art Department this year to help motivate creativity and enthusiasm for the Art subjects, with a new Instagram page @chsfg\_artcomps dedicated specifically to creative competitions at CHSFG. These will be running throughout the year across

Art, Textiles and Photography, and we kick off our new venture with 'Inktober'! This is a worldwide event which takes place every October to help promote drawing (www.inktober.com). A word is given for every day of the month as a prompt for each drawing, which must be produced in some form of ink hence the name 'Inktober'. We have had an outstanding range of entries from students across all year groups, with words including fish, wisp, bulky, radio, blade, rodent, fancy and teeth. Some tricky prompts, but it is so apparent how much TALENT we have at CHSFG! The Art Department: Miss Young, Mr Brearley and Mrs Whiteley have also been joining in to try to help motivate participation, and we are absolutely loving the enthusiasm from our students for this event!



We would like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone so far for your entries! There's still time to participate if you have not already. Just complete an ink drawing (biro/ fine liner/ felt tip pens/ drawing ink/ printing ink) in any size and any colour,



photograph it and send it to [artcomps@chsfg.co.uk](mailto:artcomps@chsfg.co.uk). The best ten from every day will be uploaded to our @chsfg\_artcomps Instagram page. Get inking!! #inktober

## Congratulations!



We were delighted this week to award Natasha, Jodie, Tiana White, Shereen, and Florence with their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award certificates and badges following their successful completion of the award. This is a real testament to their resilience and dedication, and we are very proud of them. Preparations for the new DofE groups for this year continue apace; virtual presentations have now been shared with all new DofE applicants, at Bronze and Silver levels, and are also available on the school website in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award section. Enrolment forms for new participants must be returned, along with deposits, **by next Friday 16th October** at the latest so that training can start the following week. This will allow students to make a start on their independent sections over the October half term. Please contact Miss Mackintosh if you have any queries about this.

### Year 13 Exploring the South East.

Last Wednesday, the Year 13 Geography class visited a number of sites across SE London to conduct fieldwork for their coursework. They visited a range of places from Orpington to Croydon, with some students visiting across the river to Stratford examining the success of rebranding and others investigating the factors affecting the water and carbon cycles in areas like Foot Cray Meadows and Scadbury Park. The students planned and prepared the fieldwork themselves as part of the process of the coursework piece and enjoyed their day collecting their work independently. They are now busy presenting that data ready for analysis. I would like to thank all the parents who supported the students on the day with transport and to Miss Davis and Mrs. Mills for helping to check the students in during the day.

### Year 7 Breakfast Club.

Congratulations to Charity, Issabella, Sienna, Daisy, Sophie, Poppy, and Abishayini who all enjoyed breakfast with Mrs French, following the positive feedback from their form tutors this week.



### Financial Aspirations!

**FTSE** Julianne in Year 11 was selected from hundreds of applicants to take part in a Santander work experience day which was screened live from their headquarters in Milton Keynes. Julianne thoroughly enjoyed the day and received a certificate confirming her attendance. She then regaled 11S with her work experience and promised to remember them all when she is a Finance Director of a FTSE 500 company in the future. Well done, Julianne!

### Open Events Feedback.

We opened our doors to our prospective parents and managed a warm welcome at a social distance! We were overwhelmed with the response and here is just some of the feedback we received.

*"Really appreciate the school going above and beyond to help my daughter make an informed decision about her secondary school choices. Please pass my thanks on to all staff and pupils that made this possible".*

*"I felt the Headteacher's presentational was particularly inspiring for my daughter to watch. We were shown around the school by the Head of the*

lower school and she spoke very well about each department. Generally impressed”.

“I think that it’s excellent that you’ve taken the time to arrange this for the children, particularly when so many other schools are only offering online events. The fact that you have done this and also the content of the open evening has made me very likely to put your school down as our first choice. The video link of the new year 7s, the head girl talk, as well as Mrs. French’s presentation has convinced me that an all-girls school will be a good choice for my daughter”.

### Year 11 Platinum Award.

Huge congratulations to our four year 11 platinum star winners, who have shown outstanding attitude to learning; Summer, Lydia, Dilly and Neka who plan to continue their studies at Chislehurst School for girls before pursuing careers in engineering, medicine and education.



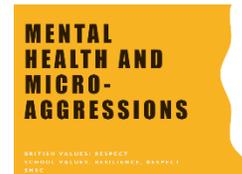
### Culture Club.



We are proud that CHSFG celebrates fifty-two languages and cultures. We encourage all students to learn about each other and to share our personal identities and diverse cultural stories. This week we launched the first EAL (English Additional Language) Culture Club. Mrs. Beevers and Mrs. Davison had a lovely lunch with our amazing Year 7 Tamil community. We all shared experiences, investigated the Tamil spoken language and were introduced to Google translate which had prepared a copy of the Health and safety

guidelines for Covid-19 in Tamil. This caused much amusement as it was read out, especially as by this time we had two special guests Mrs. French and Ms. Singer. Finally, we all plotted to prepare a video piece to share in one of our future assemblies. We look forward to many more lunches. Chislehurst school for Girls is very proud of the fifty-two languages and cultures it represents. We encourage all students to share their personal identities and diverse cultural stories.

### Our thought for this week has been Mental Health.



In recognition of World Mental Health day on Saturday 10th October, students have been

investigating the psychological impact of unconscious bias as part of Thought for the Week this week. Everyone has unconscious bias and it is important that we are all able to recognise it so that we can try to challenge it within ourselves. If we are to create a fairer and more equal world, where everyone has the same opportunities, we need to educate ourselves to treat others in a way that raises their personal self-esteem and contributes to wellbeing for all.



## Special Memories.

We were delighted to take a trip down memory lane and thoroughly enjoyed meeting Dorothy, an 'old girl' who attended our school in the late 50's. Dorothy had a lovely time reminiscing with Mrs. French and was able to identify many people from old school photos. We gave Dorothy a tour of the school, how much it has changed since then!



Derek Boyle, the Director of the Initial Teacher Training provision based at the school has been awarded a Senior Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy in

recognition of his work in training new teachers to enter the profession. He has been recognised for his "thorough understanding of learning, teaching and assessment in Higher Education and his leadership of learning and of the practice of others". Many of the teachers who currently work at Chislehurst School for Girls have been trained through Bromley Schools' Collegiate and trainees are hosted by the school every year.

## Meet the Music Teacher.

**Name:** Miss A. Whyte

**Instrument taught at CHSFG:** Singing

**Other instruments played:** Piano, Flute

### A bit about yourself:

I am originally from  Scotland. I trained at the Royal Scottish Conservatoire and at Trinity Laban, London. As well as singing and teaching, I love to dance, practice yoga, hike, and garden. My favourite colour is Teal.

### Best Performing Experience:

Singing with the Academy of Ancient Music in a semi-ruined Roman amphitheatre in Libya and conducting a symphony orchestra at the Royal Festival Hall, London as part of a Women Conductors promotion.

### Why students should learn to play your instrument?

Singing is a wonderful way to express yourself. It is good for self-development and can help with building confidence and communication skills. Singing can also have positive benefits to mental health and well-being. In lessons we can explore lots of repertoire from pop, to musical theatre to classical. The most important thing is to have fun and enjoy learning to use your voice.

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