



Chislehurst School for Girls

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This year's Oxbridge entrants mentored by 2020 successful candidates.



Two outgoing Chislehurst girls, who are now Oxbridge bound, took time out of their schedules before term begins next month, to return to school and offer some advice and encouragement to Year 13. Tanya, who is due to read Computer Science at the University of Cambridge and Evie, who is Oxford bound to study Biomedicine, returned to their alma mater to talk to the next crop of potential candidates: Ayishah is hoping to study Medicine at Oxford, Stefani: Architecture at Cambridge and Tami: Medicine at University College London- all of which require some confidence with aptitude tests and interview.

The girls discussed the key things to include in their personal statements which are due in the next three weeks. Showing your passion and interest in your chosen subject through STEM activities, reading articles and books and watching films and documentaries was high on the list. They also talked about the 'soft skills' needed to be successful at interview and the specific nature of these highly competitive processes for these top institutions. For younger aspirant students, the overall message is 'super-curricular'- having read around your subject extensively and demonstrating a flexible mind along. Reading is key to success.

The fair access and outreach work for these top Universities has demystified the process and there is

much preparatory work that can be done and many hints and support for succeeding in the various aptitude tests. Both Tami and Ayishah will need to take the BMAT (BioMedical Admissions test) pre-entrance exam for their courses.

Finally, how to choose your college, what to look for on your visits (doubtless virtual during Covid) and how the pool at Cambridge helps you to be chosen for a different college.

Our three candidates enjoyed the discussions and left for their next lesson confident in what they need to do for the next step closer to their goal. Evie and Tanya have also offered to mentor all of them and have left their university email addresses as a point of contact. This is the power of a sorority at work to raise aspiration and achievements.

We wish both Evie and Tanya well as they move onto the next step in their education. A very large step towards a glowing career in their chosen subjects, undoubtedly.



Duke of Edinburgh Award.



We are delighted to have had so many students applying to take part in the Bronze (Year 10) and Silver (Year 12) Duke of Edinburgh's Award this year.

We are currently creating a presentation which will be sent out to the students who have applied, to be shared with their parents and carers, before officially enrolling the students on to the scheme.

It is more important than ever that we offer this opportunity for students to develop their skills in a range of activities, as well as to get out of their comfort zone and get outside, and we can't wait to get started.



Any Year 10 or 12 student who is interested but is yet to apply should contact Miss Mackintosh urgently within the next week.

Virtual Assembly.

Year 7 and year 8 students have had their first virtual assembly Wednesday 23rd September. We were able to bring the students together in a safe way by live streaming each assembly directly into their tutor rooms. There was a great sense of connectedness and re-establishing that sense of community.

Shanty Town.

Year 10 Geographers Olivia and Evie created these amazing shanty town models for their summer project. The attention to detail is brilliant, they really show off the character of this built environment.



Well done Year 12.

The Social Studies department would like to say a huge well done to the new Year 12 Business, Health and Social Care, Psychology and Sociology students. They have come in with positivity and enthusiasm and we are so pleased with their contributions in the lesson and the fantastic work they have produced so far. They are certainly a credit to the Sixth Form community.

Singing Praise!

Congratulations to Tia in Year 11 who was promoted to London Youth Choir's Senior Choir during lockdown. The Senior Choir is the flagship of the London Youth Choir ensembles, offering members a broad and exciting programme of repertoire in a variety of styles, musical traditions and languages.



Commended Behaviour.

I would like to thank all our students for their orderly and respectful conduct at the bus stop on Perry Street at the end of the School day, during what is a challenging time on public transport. The police have been patrolling local schools across the borough at home-time and commended our young people for their excellent behaviour and good manners whilst waiting for the buses. Well done all - keep up the good work! Mrs. Hodgson, Assistant Headteacher.

Proud Parent Moment.

How lovely to hear from the parent of Cindy in Year 7 who has returned to playing Football for Advanced Development Program in Blackheath Rugby Sports Club in Kidbrooke Lane. *"It's great to have my daughter back playing one of her favourite sports and get her moving".*



Health & Safety.

We are all very aware of how important it is to look after ourselves and each other during these times. This week we shared this message with all of our students and shared two health and safety videos to help students have a better understanding of how to stay safe.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W5roFzk0pOo>



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