



Dear families,

Transitions week begins!

On **Monday 14th July**, we begin our **transition activities** as pupils and staff prepare to move into their new classes for September. We understand that change can bring mixed emotions, and we are committed to supporting all students and their families through this exciting time. Our aim is to ensure everyone feels confident and settled ahead of the new academic year.

Sixth form celebration week and prom 2025!

This week has been full of joy, laughter and celebration for our Sixth Form students.



On Wednesday, we held our fabulous Leavers' Prom at Shelford Rugby Club.

Pupils travelled in style on a vintage red double-decker bus and enjoyed a wonderful evening of music, mocktails, dancing, burgers and ice cream.



Huge thanks to all the staff and volunteers who helped make the evening so memorable!



A special highlight was a live performance from **Mirada**, Cambridge's top under-18 band. All Year 10 students from Chesterton Community College, the band said: *"We were honoured to be part of such a special event."* You can find them on Instagram and TikTok @miradaband.



On **Thursday**, we rounded off the week with our **Leavers' Barbecue and Presentation Ceremony**. There were plenty of smiles, laughter and a few happy tears as we shared memories and said our goodbyes. We are so proud of each of our leavers and wish them every success on their next adventure.

Stars of Castle: Our Noble Players Take the Stage



On **Tuesday 8th July**, a group of our talented pupils took to the stage in **Peterborough** as part of the **Playmaking Festival**, performing *King Lear* in collaboration with the **Royal Shakespeare Company**. This unforgettable opportunity allowed our students to showcase their incredible acting skills alongside other schools in a professional theatre setting. Their performance was powerful, moving, and a true credit to all involved. We are so proud of the confidence, teamwork, and creativity they demonstrated—**what an amazing achievement!**

Squirrels Class News

This week in Squirrel Class, we've been continuing to build on our learning across the curriculum. In English, our focus has been on the story *The Snail and the Whale* by Julia Donaldson. We've explored adjectives to describe different locations in the story, practised sequencing events, and identified rhyming words.



In Maths, we've been busy creating our own summer-themed pictogram graphs and exploring how Venn diagrams work.



We've also enjoyed some lovely social moments during our end-of-year celebration bucket sessions, where pupils have reflected on a fantastic year together by looking back at photos and sharing memories.



Darwin Class News

This term has been an emotional rollercoaster for Darwin. This has been a term for finishing projects, sitting exams and saying goodbye.



Darwin have 5 students who will be moving on to their next placements. We will miss them all very much. We're very proud of them all.

We had our final session at Kelsey Kerridge for this academic year, also known as 'Gym and Swim'. This has been a huge success and we certainly have a fitter and more sociable class because of this.



Darwin can now say that we have 3 thespians who were incredible in a multi school performance of Shakespeare's 'King Lear'.

This was well received by all that saw it.

Finally we have finished the term with the Leavers Prom!

What a fun time was had by all. The Prom Bus was an amazing experience for all the students.



This was a great opportunity to laugh, smile, dance and celebrate together.

Well done Darwin!

PE News

It has been lovely welcoming parents into school. Students took part in gymnastics lessons to show their parents how well they can jump, land, climb on and off, balance and travel using the high and low apparatus.

Well done everyone, parents looked very proud.



Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

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