

Highlights

**Chichester
High School
for Girls**



Specialist in Arts & Science



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A round up of news and events from the school and its pupils over the last half term.

Cross Country

By Mrs Bryant, Head of PE



Recently, Year 7 and 8 pupils represented our school at the Sussex Schools Cross Country Championships held at Christs Hospital. Hollie Olding achieved a silver medal and also secured a place at the next competition to run for Sussex at the Inter-Counties Cross Country.



Year 8—Rose Ellis, Charlotte Reading, Bethany Rogers and Zoe Nunn

She will be joined by Rose Ellis and Charlotte Reading with Bethany Rogers being selected as a reserve. This is a fantastic result with 4 of our 8 pupils being selected.



Year 7—Rosie Grant, Mia Faulkner, Hollie Olding and Madeleine Angell (not pictured)

I'm a scientist, get me out of here!

By Mr Cooper, Science Teacher

Two groups of Year 10 students took part in the 'I'm a scientist, get me out of here' competition last week.

The event allowed students to take part in live webchats with real scientists who are competing to win a cash prize. At the end of each session the students were asked to vote for their favourite

scientist and at the end of the fortnight the scientist with the most votes won the competition.

The event not only helped the students with the 'How Science Works' part of their GCSE but also to gain a better understanding of the roles of scientists. The students enjoyed the event commenting that 'it was good getting to know what the scientists do and what their jobs are' and 'it helped me with my career choices'.

We were also very delighted to receive an email from one of the scientists involved who said, "It's been lovely to chat to the pupils, in fact for me (as a female scientist) they have been one of the best groups to talk to.... I certainly had no intention of being a scientist when I was that age, so it's been interesting to get back to that perspective!"



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Shakespeare still entertains and informs in 2011

Years 7 and 9 were greatly entertained by the Box Clever Theatre Company when they visited the school in February.

Year 7 was treated to an introduction to the works of Shakespeare in a highly entertaining and imaginative fashion. Audience participation was greatly encouraged with a finale of Elizabethan dancing.

The accomplished ensemble used a range of Shakespeare's plays from A Midsummer's Nights Dream to Hamlet via Romeo and Juliet, and Twelfth Night. Marianna and Erin of 7L said "We particularly enjoyed the quizzes because it increased our knowledge of Shakespeare and his many plays."



N'Shita Batt (Year 9) was very impressed by the Company's interpretation of the classic love story, Romeo and Juliet. "With only three actors I was amazed that the company managed to portray the tension between the Montagues and the Capulets in Verona and the strength of emotion between the two lovers."

Ms Hodson, Head of English, had only good things to say about the production. "It was a fantastic opportunity to extend the girls' knowledge and for each of them to engage with such a superb theatrical experience. The modern interpretation using the original language proved just how relevant Shakespeare still is in the 21st Century."

Year 9 will be able to work with Box Clever again in the Summer term when they return for a three-day residency to create their next Workbox on poetry.

Chef of the Year

Olivia Lisle a Year 9 pupil, has made it through to the Regional Semi Finals of Chef of the Year 2011.



There are 5 stages to the competition and Olivia has succeeded in winning her way to the fourth round.

The quarter final held here was very tough and was judged by Omero Gallucci, David Marriott and Christopher Basten all three of which are Master Craftsman from the Craft Guild of Chefs. Olivia achieved 2nd place and therefore qualified to go through to the Regional Semi Finals to be held in Epsom.

Following this will be the finals in Stratford on Avon with the prize of 1 week in Italy awaiting the winner.

Well done Olivia!

Those Legs & Chocolate by Mrs Hatcher (Head of Drama)



Those Legs - As one of our specialist subjects along with Art and Science, the Drama Department strives to provide as many opportunities as possible for its students. It was for this reason that this year we created a sixth form theatre company (Legacy Theatre Productions) in the school. As Legacy Theatre Productions first project we applied to be part of the renowned event 'National Theatre Connections' and were fortunate enough to be 1 of 200 companies to be chosen to participate. This gave us the chance to perform a newly written play in our local

theatre, with the possibility of transferring the play to the National Theatre, London.

The play the production company chose to perform was 'Those Legs' written by Noel Clarke. The production, which was hugely led by the students, was performed at both our Centenary Theatre and The Minerva Theatre, Chichester. The first performance at the school was reviewed by National Theatre Director Kate Budgen, who commented that *'the production was extremely professional with some fantastically detailed, truthful performances and careful direction.'*

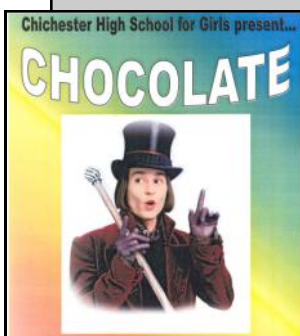
The Year 11 drama students were then invited to watch the second performance on 24th March at The Minerva Theatre which was extremely well received. The Year 11 students were highly impressed with the performance, with one student commenting *'as I was watching the performance all I could think was how proud I was to be part of this school'*.

Mrs Hatcher, Head of Drama said "As the producer of the play I can honestly say that I have seen the cast and crew grow as both performers and individuals. They dealt with the adult content in the script with an air of maturity and sensitivity which resulted in an outstanding production. It has been one of my most rewarding experiences as a teacher and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the cast and crew one last time and wish them luck with going to the National Theatre."



Chocolate—This year the school was given the chance to be part of Chichester Festival Theatre's celebration of drama 'Light on its Feet'. This allowed the school to perform at The Minerva Theatre, Chichester alongside other schools within West Sussex. Our KS3 Drama Club embraced this opportunity, led by our new Drama Teacher Miss C. Walker. Under Miss Walker's direction the Drama Club devised a piece of physical theatre inspired by Roald Dahl's 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' called 'Chocolate'. The piece told the story of a range of characters who journeyed through Wonkas factory, being amazed and spoilt by Wonkas' creations. The large ensemble created each room in the factory, from squirrels to gum machines, through the clever use of physical theatre.

The performance was a sell-out at the Minerva and had the audience rolling in the aisles with laughter. Many congratulations go to the stunning cast, who performed in such a professional manner and to Miss Walker on her first production at CHSG for Girls – absolutely fantastic!



Order in the courts!



Ellie Humphries, Louise White

Recently, I was pleased to be part of a group of Year 8 and 9 students who took part in the mock Trial competition held at Portsmouth Magistrates Court. This a national competition run by the Citizenship Foundation. The competition involved us all taking on the roles of the people in a magistrates court, such as lawyers, witnesses, the usher, legal advisers and magistrates. This was the first year that CHSG had taken part in this competition, so we had a lot to learn.

Back in November, a large number of Year 8 and 9 pupils

auditioned for the parts that we wanted to play. Our teachers then had the gruelling job of deciding who was to get which parts and become the team of 2011.

Rehearsals began after Christmas and started with familiarising ourselves with the case that we had to take on and getting to know each other. After we understood our case, we had to start picking it apart to find weaknesses and contradictions; I found this the hardest part as there were so many



Maura Lindsay and Lauren Geall

things that needed to be taken into consideration. The next step was to get everybody into character so that we could feel the part and focus on the task ahead. Then, questions and answers were devised, speeches were rehearsed and the magistrates tried their hardest not to laugh as they walked into the classroom! However, by the time the day of the court case came, we were all word perfect and ready to go.



Rebecca Millman defendant in the dock

On Saturday 12th march we arrived bright and early at the Portsmouth Magistrates Court dressed in our formal court wear. Everyone was nervous as we walked into the courtroom, but once we had taken our places and the wheels were set in motion, everyone's nerves settled a little.

We were competing against two other schools, Millais School from Horsham, who have taken part in the competition numerous times and the Holy Trinity School who, like us, were competing for the first time.

First up was our defence team against the prosecution team from Millais School. We managed to prove that the defendant was not guilty which was a great start to the day. Next was our prosecution team against the Holy Trinity defence team, in which we proved the defendant to be guilty, giving us our



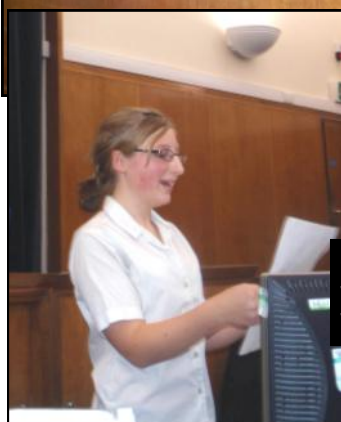
Juliet Taylor, and Rachael Beaves

Jessica Hodge, Lucy Taylor, Ankona Chakraborty



second success of the day. Finally, the Millais School defence team took on the Holy Trinity prosecution team, with the defence proving the defendant was not guilty.

The whole day was fun, challenging, exciting and we came 2nd overall. This, unfortunately, was not enough to take us to the regionals, but we didn't mind as we had had such a good time. Also, insider sources (Mrs Wicken, Head of CPSHE) told us that it was incredibly close between us and Millais School who won the heat!



Our intention is to take part in this competition again next year, drawing on our experience from this time and hopefully making it through to the regionals. *By Rachael Beaves (Defence Lawyer)*

Claire Taylor—Legal Adviser was picked out by the judges as someone who performed exceptionally well.

Mrs Wicken, Head of CPSHE, said: "We were so proud of the pupils who were praised for their professional and convincing performances. This is our first experience of this competition, so we were delighted to have achieved so much. It was a great experience for them and we look forward to entering a team again next year, if the opportunity arises."



Mock Trial Team 2011

Fair Trade

In year 11, we have been campaigning in CPSHE for more fair trade produce in and around school. Our main focus is to encourage the school's staff to use fair trade tea, coffee and sugar in the staff room. We also would like to ensure that fair trade produce is used at PTA meetings and parents' evenings.

The Fairtrade Foundation is an independent, non-profit organisation that licenses the use of fair trade products on the UK market. They want to create sustainable trade structures so everyone, through the work they do, can maintain a healthy livelihood. By working with businesses, community groups and individuals they will improve the trading position of the farmers who grow the crops that reach our supermarkets and others all around the world.

So far, through our campaigns, many have had discussions with the Headteacher, Fiona Oliver-Watkins, and other staff who are in charge of the produce brought into the school. Other groups have been working on either bringing fair trade produce into the school canteen or using fair trade cotton for PE uniforms. All of these issues are just as important as each other and by ensuring our progress continues we will be stopping producers around the world from entering poverty.



You may think that fair trade products are expensive but through our research we have realised that it is the same price and sometimes cheaper than most branded products on the market. This shows that you can buy the same great products without spending any more money. If you are interested in using more fair trade products at home we suggest Sainsbury's for the best value for money.

Because many of us will be leaving Year 11 shortly after our exams, we want to encourage other years to continue with the work we have started. We hope that the Headteacher and others in the school have seen our hard work and will ensure that the products will reach the school. By just giving your support you can really make a difference to the farmers who work so hard to guarantee that we have the produce on our shelves. Thank You.

By Elizabeth Westwood, Year 11

Culture

Year 8 pupils have recently been looking at different cultures within our society along with their heritage and nationality. In groups they selected a country to study.

Stella Swain, Stephanie Porcas, Emily Mason and Esme Durlston-Powell (not pictured) of 8J chose India.

"During this project I found that India has a very diverse and intricate culture. There are so many different religions, foods and states of wealth", comments Esme.

"We learnt that Britain has a variety of cultures and influences from other countries". adds Emily and Stephanie. We had to identify a culture that had influences in Britain; choosing India was really interesting".



Artist of the Month

Ananthi Parekh of 7K, a gifted and talented

pupil, recently created water colour paintings inspired by her research into the cathedral windows at Chartres.

7k have also been invited to create a group piece of artwork which will be exhibited at Pallant House Gallery as part of the Friends of Chartres exhibition to celebrate the twinning of Chichester with Chartres. The exhibition starts on the 3rd of May and runs for one month at Pallant House Gallery.



Art Club

Year 7 art club member, Alice Harvey received a Headteachers' award recently for her sock puppet creations.



I am working towards my bronze Artsaward, and as part of this I devised a creative activity that I could share with other art club members.

I put together a teaching session on how to make the sock puppets and found all sorts of decorative materials at home and brought them in for my demonstration.

I enjoyed designing, creating and sharing my ideas with my club members. As you can see from the end designs on the left we all had fun making some very unusual sock puppets.

"Alice Harvey is a very intelligent and creative student, comments Mr Riley,

Cashless Catering

Andrea Sweeney, Business Manager

As you will be aware the new cashless catering system has been successfully installed and is up and running smoothly. Please may I thank you all for your help in making this happen. I should like to take this opportunity to remind parents that you can pay on-line for your daughter's meals. If you cannot access this your daughter may bring cheques (made payable to CHSG) or cash (correct money if possible) to the Finance Office to pay for her meals. This should be put in an envelope marked with your daughter's name, form and "Dinner Money" and placed in the Finance Office letterbox. This must be done at least 24 hours in advance of her needing to access these funds. After Easter we will be gradually introducing the on-line payment system for school visits. You will receive more information about this next term.

School Summer Uniform

School summer uniform can be worn from the start of the summer term—Tuesday 26th April 2011 until 1st October 2011

The school issue summer polo shirt is available to order from school. The order form for these can be downloaded from the school website — www.chichesterhighschoolforgirls.co.uk

A round of sports news and results

from Mrs Bryant, Head of PE

Netball

The Year 10 Netballers were invited to a Netball Tournament at Hurstpierpoint College and with much excitement aboard the minibus, they arrived in the glorious sunshine at the amazing Hurst. 'It looks like Hogwarts' College, one student was heard to exclaim.



The day started with the pupils being put through their paces by England International and Surrey Storm player Tamsin Greenway. After the warm up they played 5 matches and were surprised at the standard they were up against.

They got better as the day went on and after lunch they met Tamsin and had their picture taken with her. She answered their questions and wasn't offended when one player said they had 'googled' her! She set them a target for their next few games, which they achieved, and high fived her at the end!

It was an amazing day, great netball, good food, gorgeous sunshine, even a goody bag each and the girls (and I) loved it!

Mrs Roberts, PE Teacher



Tamsin Greenway

Izzy Brown—Update



England Athletics Indoor Championships in Birmingham saw Izzy Brown, Year 11, achieve her first National title in the High Jump.

Her jump of 1m 71cms was a new personal best and equals the tenth best jump ever by any Sussex woman.

Izzy won the National title after beating off 5 other competitors, all of whom had higher personal bests including last year's champion.

Izzy showed determination and kept her nerve to jump well under pressure. Well done Izzy.

Mrs Bryant, Head of PE

Year 7 pupils enjoyed a day of team work activities in PE. They also spent time learning super speedy study skills. These are study techniques that will help them in all subjects and included memory techniques and mind mapping.



Year 8 spent the day looking at local History and World War I. They visited Chichester Cathedral and learnt about the Local Shippams Pals Battalion.

They also enjoyed a visit from a theatre company who re-enacted moments from the war portraying soldiers' feelings and emotions and how they survived.



Visit chichesterhighschoolforgirls.co.uk to see our latest 'Class Act' page featured recently in the Chichester Observer.

Tree Planting

with Mrs Webb, Science Teacher

Year 7 pupils recently enjoyed a bit of gardening, planting a range of saplings to create a woodland area within the school grounds. The trees, Birch, Cherry and Rowan were donated to the school by Woodland Trust.

These trees will form part of long term studies into biodiversity for all students studying science at KS3, KS4 and KS5.

Once the trees were planted the Year 7 pupils measured the soil pH level and temperature, counted the buds and measured the height of the trees.

The monitoring of all these aspects will be undertaken by pupils on a monthly basis.



World Book Day by Mrs Angus, Librarian

Jamie Crawford Storyteller

To celebrate World Book Day the library organised the Storyteller Jamie Crawford to visit Year 7. Jamie is a fantastic Storyteller and entertains pupils with a mixture of tales from myths and legends, romantic fairy tales and contemporary scary stories. As with other years he has visited, the pupils were enthralled and impressed that he can re-tell such long, detailed stories in such an entertaining way.



West Sussex Book Award

World Book Day Thursday 3rd March saw the conclusion of this years West Sussex Book Awards. The winning book for the County was 'Cosmic' by Frank Cottrell Boyce. This is a hilarious story about a boy who is tall for his age and uses this to his advantage by pretending to be the only responsible adult on a space mission. The pupils involved in the award from Chichester

High School for Girls, Kingsham Primary School, Tangmere Primary School, North Mundham Primary School and Portfield Primary School felt that this book was a worthy winner. To celebrate World Book Day and the announcement of the winning book we had a party in the library with a cake and a literary quiz run by Kerry Brookes from Chichester Public Library.

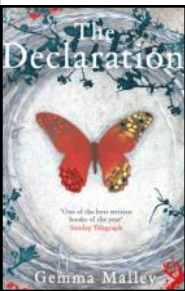
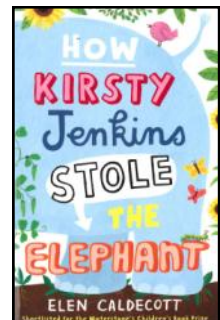
Book Fair

To celebrate World Book Day we ran a Scholastic Book Fair in the Library to give pupils the opportunity to buy books and spend their World Book Day vouchers. This was great fun and gave the library £240 worth of free books. Thank you to all of you who purchased books and supported us.

Book Reviews

KS3—How Kirsty Jenkins Stole the Elephant by Elen Caldecott

Kirsty Jenkins promises her grandfather before he dies that she will look after his allotment but the council insist it must go to the next person on the waiting list. Kirsty decides she is going to take drastic action to draw attention to her case. This is a good fun read that has lots of laughs and an exciting ending.



KS4—The Declaration by Gemma Malley

If a drug company developed a drug called 'Longevity' that would give you the ability to live forever would you take it? If so, would you sign 'the declaration' to say that you would never have children because they would take up valuable resources and lead to over-population? This is the premise of 'The Declaration'. Set in a dystopian future not so far from our own. 'The Declaration' is about two 'surpluses' who are children that have been born illegally. They decide to try and escape the home that they have been imprisoned in and fight for a better future.

RED NOSE DAY

Fundraising



Photos contributed by Katie Hall and Lauren Day, Year 9 Photography students.

Everyone got into the spirit of the day with themed costumes ranging from cowboys and fairies to spending the day in pyjamas and wearing as much red as possible. Many events were organised by pupils both before and on the day. Two year 7 pupils took on an eight mile sponsored walk and raised £150. Class 8S did a sponsored cycle ride, taking it in turns to hop on the fitness bike clocking up over 140 kilometres and raising £100. Many cakes were baked and sold and a number of competitions held including an eating competition and talent competition. Sixth form students and staff went head to head in a netball match watched by many pupils during lunchtime. There was a great atmosphere all day with pupils and staff putting in so much effort for such a worthwhile cause and to top it all we raised over £1700 for Comic Relief. Well done everyone.

Mrs Lambourne, Assistant Headteacher

Dates for your Diary 2011

Spring Term 2011

11th -25th April Easter Break

Summer Term 2011

Tues 26th April—Fri 22nd July

29th April - Bank Holiday (Royal Wedding)

2nd May - Bank Holiday Monday

26th May Parents Coffee Morning 10-12noon

Come along for a chat with other parents and senior staff over a cup of coffee.

Mon 30th May—Fri 3rd June Half Term

Autumn Term 2011

Fri 2nd Sept—16th Dec

All the important dates for your daughter's year group can be viewed on our website.

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Thank you for your support with attendance.

Regular attendance is important if your daughter is to achieve success in school and we are currently working hard to reduce levels of pupil absence.

- Every lesson really does count for your daughter and she can quickly fall behind if even one day is missed.
- Good Regular attendance often means doing well academically, better relationships with other students and better overall behaviour in school.
- Catching up even a little lost time from school can be really difficult.
- Good attendance isn't just about what happens in school—absence when your daughter is young can limit her future opportunities, and set up bad habits for work and life.

If your daughter is reluctant to attend school for any reason or makes excuses not to go, please contact your daughter's Tutor, Head of Learning or Pastoral Support Manager. There is lots of support available in school and we are very happy to work with you to help ensure that your daughter attends regularly.

Excellent Attendance = 100% Good Attendance = 98% Satisfactory Attendance = 96%

Pupil Absence — If your daughter is unwell or unable to attend for any other reason please use the Pupil Absence line **01243 832667** to report each day of absence. If the absence continues for a second week please inform us again on the Monday of that week. When your daughter returns to school we require a letter from parent(s) /guardian(s). The letter should explain the reasons for the absence, and give the dates concerned.

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For up-to-date information about the school, please look at our website:

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