



Weekly Newsletter 2018-2019
8th February 2019 – Term 2 - Week 6

AN INSPIRATIONAL WEEK



Weekly Message from Mrs Key

Educating a child is more than just learning formal curriculum subjects. This week we have supported MIND with their campaign 'Time To Talk', highlighting the importance of wellbeing and good mental health. We have encouraged students to speak about this important issue. It is shocking to hear that most people with anxiety and mental health issues wait up to a year before talking to someone at home, school or a friend. On our website you will find useful information on aspects of wellbeing: <http://www.chaileyschool.org/parents-and-students/student-wellbeing-and-support-services/>



Year 11 Intervention Evening

Our Year 11 students are well on their way to preparing for GCSE season which is now only a matter of weeks away. I would urge every Year 11 parent and student to attend our 'Intervention Evening' on Wednesday 13th February at 6pm. During the evening we will not only talk about the preparations towards exams but also have stalls covering:

Mindfulness	Stress Management
Mental Energy	Fitness
Revision Timetables	Parents—how they can help with revision
Science Revision	Nutrition
Sleep	Revision Apps and Log-ins

Uniform and Jewellery

We are pleased with the way girls have responded to our tougher sanctions on rolled-up skirts. However, we are now more aware of the minority who have a skirt that is too short. For information, our skirt should not be worn shorter than a credit cards length above the knee. Next week we will write to parents where the skirt is too short and ask you to buy a suitable length skirt. We have plenty of good quality uniform in school and anyone wishing to offer a donation for one of our skirts will be very welcome to.

We have also noticed an increase in students with inappropriate jewellery. We will be raising this with students over the following week. From 25th February we will be confiscating inappropriate jewellery and placing it in the school safe. Parents may collect it from reception during opening hours.

For your information our rules on jewellery are as follows:

No jewellery other than a watch, one pair of plain gold/silver studs, one in each ear, and one chain necklace with a religious symbol, if part of your faith, may be worn. If you decide to allow your child to be pierced (beyond a single pair of ear studs) please note that they are not allowed to wear anything in that piercing at any time during the school day. This applies at all times, including the "healing" period.

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Head Teacher Student of the Week

LUKE WILDER - Being a hardworking and polite role model to his peers and really supporting his friend at school.

Important Dates for your Diary

Monday 11th February 2019

Year 11 Food Prep Exams (until Thursday 14th Feb)

Tuesday 12th February 2019

Year 10 Relationships Day

Wednesday 13th February 2019

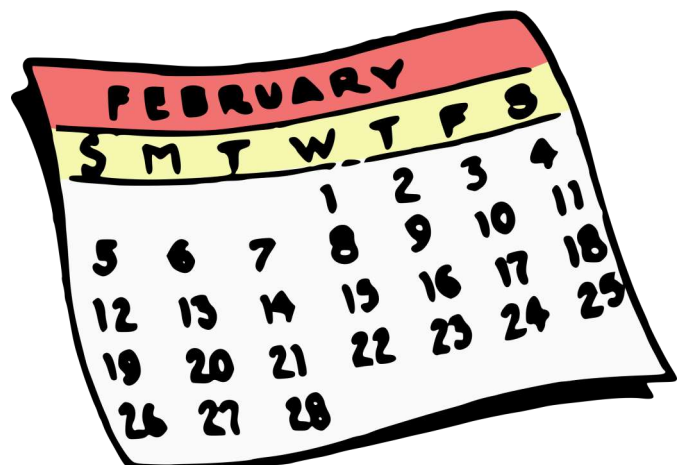
18:00 Year 11 Intervention Evening

Friday 15th February 2019

Year 9 Booster Vaccinations

Monday 18th February 2019

Half Term Begins



Start of the School Day

A polite reminder that the school day starts at 8:40am promptly and all students should be ready and in their tutor groups at this time. A significant number of students are arriving after the school gates are closed and the day has already started. Please be aware that any student arriving after 8:40am will be sanctioned with an S1, escalating higher for persistent lateness.

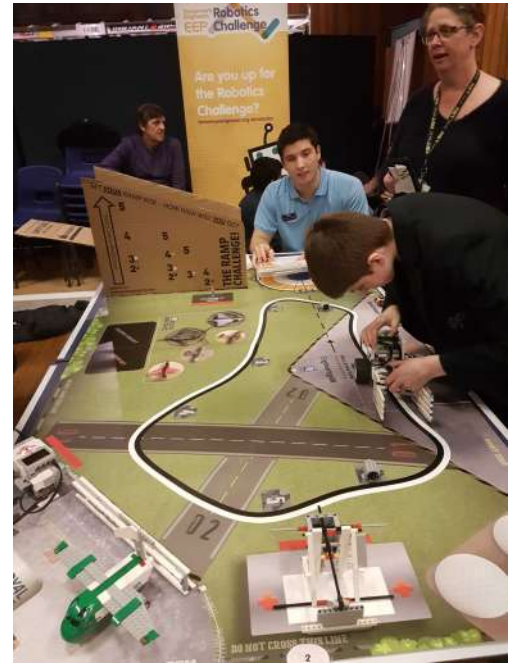
Cambridge University visit

On Tuesday 5th February, a minibus full of Year 10 students, accompanied by Mr Dudgeon and Mrs Rickman, journeyed north to visit Cambridge University. The day was hosted by Churchill College, where the students listened to a thought-provoking talk about Cambridge University and the road to applying for it and other top universities. Passion for one's subject, as well as examination success at the highest levels, were key to this. A tour of Churchill, led by an undergraduate student, followed. Lunch in Churchill's Hall was after that, and then it was a walk into town to one of the university's older colleges, Pembroke. Here the tour proceeded outside the chapel designed by Sir Christopher Wren (the college choir were practising inside), a series of beautiful quads and elegant buildings housing rooms, social areas and teaching spaces for students and staff, as well as the Hogwarts-style Hall in which today's students were chattering and having their own lunch. It was all an enjoyable and inspiring experience.



Lego Mindstorms Competition

On Monday Mrs Hickman and Miss Salt took five students from Chailey to Brighton MET to compete in the Lego Mindstorms competition. They completed a series of short, exciting missions using a robot that they have designed and built over the last few months. They also had to talk the judges through their designs and enter into a "speed challenge" which they came third in.



County Line Theatre Production

We were very fortunate to have a County Lines theatre production this week. This addressed the County Lines drug issue, which is a nation wide problem at the moment and we are thrilled we were able to address this with the students and increase their understanding around it.



Year 9 Outdo Teachers in Innovative Assembly

Huge congratulations to the entire Tutor Group 9 Firle for planning and delivering a spectacular assembly to the rest of the year. The theme was the Make a Wish Foundation and the tutor group researched and developed an assembly with a difference. In preparation all Year 9 students saw information about the charity and format of the assembly. The assembly then took the form of a series of stations to test knowledge, raise awareness and raise vital funds for this charity. Well done to all.



UK Maths Challenge

Yesterday, 70 Year 9 and 10 students sat this national maths challenge and competition. We eagerly await the results.

EduLink Contact Details

We'd like to remind all parents to check and update their details via EduLink where necessary.

Southern School Book Award



The Southern Schools Book Award is a prestigious and exciting opportunity, involving over twenty-five different schools across Sussex and Kent and this year Chailey School were lucky enough to be invited again to share in the celebration of books, authors and reading for young people.

Fourteen Year 9 students were specially selected, as avid readers and writers, by the Chailey English department. Shortlisted books were read over the summer holiday and students were then able to engage in fortnightly meetings to discuss, question and enjoy the selection of young adult novels.

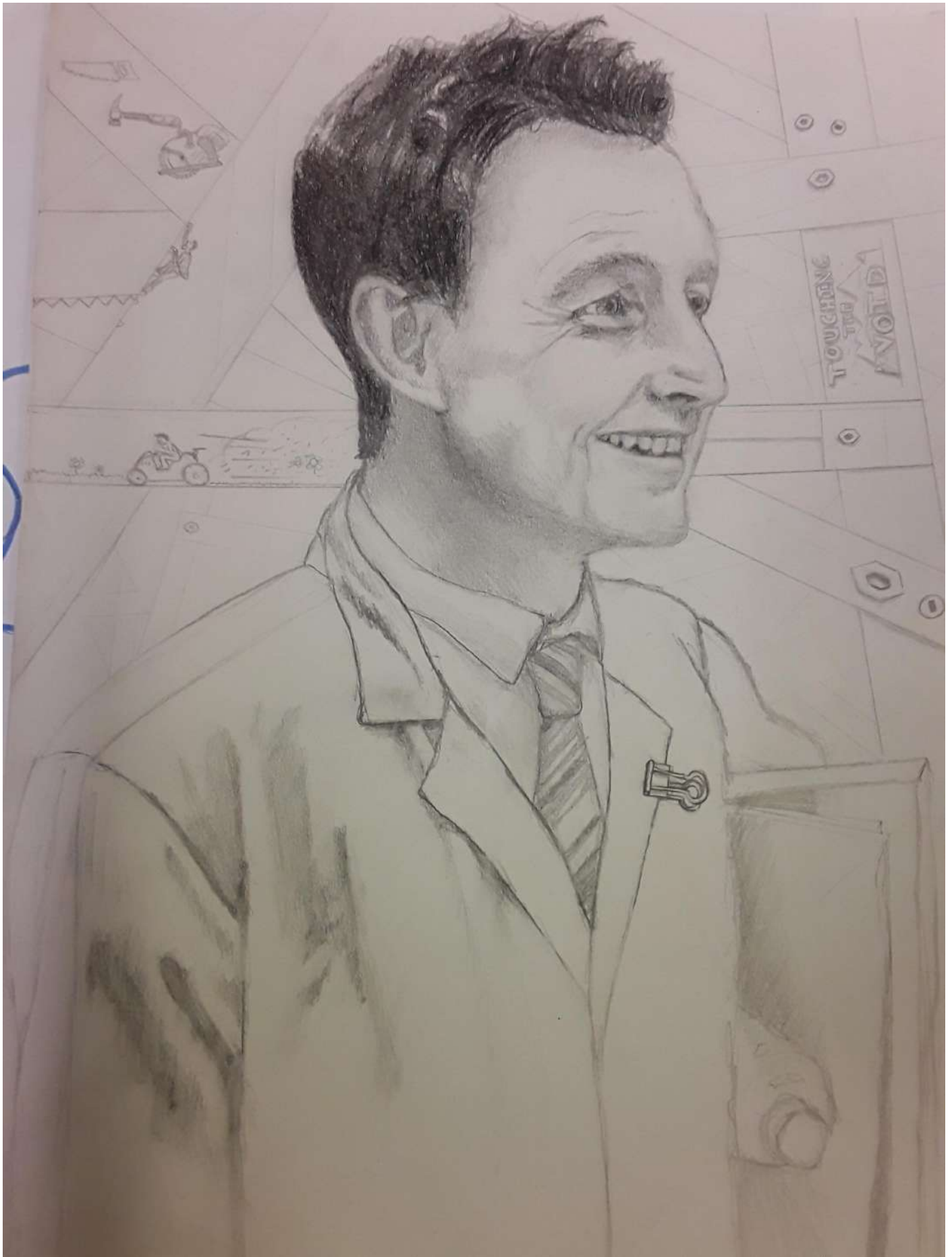
The meetings were not only interesting but challenged the students and encouraged them to think critically about the author's deeper ideas and meanings, and to compare the different levels of literary content that every author managed to excel at.

The books themselves covered issues and ideas directly chosen to interest and stimulate young minds and to expand the students' capability with challenging topics from human rights, ethics and terminal illness to the extended imaginations of fantasy and adventure themes. There were passionate debates and discussions for six half-hour meetings led by Miss Fenn, until the students voted for their favourite and most engaging book to win the award.

After all the votes were counted from across East Sussex, students from each school attended the presentation evening on 25th January at the beautiful Roedean School in Brighton, where the authors addressed the students with readings, discussions, a question panel and an opportunity to meet each author and have their books signed. As well as this, every student was awarded a free book token to purchase other books from the authors including Lisa Heathfield, who won the Book Award in 2018 and was presenting the evening and has since published several popular young adult novels. The winner this year was Will Hill, with *After The Fire: a thought provoking, exciting novel*, and a favourite amongst the students of Chailey School. Afterwards, the students had their books signed and were treated with refreshments.

"It was a wonderful opportunity and really fun," said Chailey pupil Edward Joyce, one of the book club students, who agree that it was a wonderful experience and the skills they developed in discussing the books will benefit them in all areas of the curriculum. Overall, Chailey was privileged to take part in this fantastic experience and hopes to engage many more young readers in the future.

Written by Lucy Joyce
9 Firle



Artist of the Week

Dylan Marlow - Year 9 - For the art attack interferon challenge...

Guess the teacher!

Examination Invigilator Vacancies



Part-time and Casual at Chailey School

We are recruiting people as Examination Invigilators for the Summer GCSE exams starting on Monday 13th May to Thursday 20th June. This is a fantastic opportunity to help support students at Chailey; ensuring the best environment is maintained for students sitting exams.

The role suits applicants looking for flexible working hours, usually in school time, with some after school hours. In addition to GCSE exams, invigilators are also used for internal exams held at other times throughout the year.

Full training will be given, and you will become part of a friendly and supportive team. You will be given prior notice of upcoming exams and asked for your availability during exam periods.

Full details and an application form can be found on the Chailey School Website under "Working Here":

www.chaileyschool.org

If you would like to discuss the position, please contact our Exams Officer, Janet Adams on 01273 890407 extn 202 or jadams@chaileyschool.org





Lead Examination Invigilator

Part-time and Casual

at Chailey School



We are seeking a Lead Examination Invigilator.

You will be responsible for the smooth, secure running of exams, working under the direction of the Examinations Officer; and be responsible for a small team of invigilators. Duties will include timing of exams, distribution and collection of exam papers, assisting students with additional needs and ensuring JCQ Examination Board Regulations are adhered to at all times, and that any problems are communicated to the Exams Officer.

Good communication skills, an observant eye and attention to detail are essential. You will need to have a calm nature, and work effectively in a busy environment. Experience of line managing staff would be an advantage but not essential.

Initially you will be required to work during the GCSE exam period of 13th May to 20th June 2019 and then on an ongoing annual basis for exams as and when required.

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LUNCH & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Spring 2019

LUNCH

13.15 - 14.00

Monday

KS4 GCSE Trampolining Club
Year 7 Drama Club

Tuesday

CARE Club - Lab 2
STEM Club - Lab 4
KS4 Indoor Football Club

Wednesday

CREST Award - Lab 2
Badminton Club
GCSE Art Club

Thursday

CARE Club - Lab 2
Aesthetics Club
GCSE Dance

AFTER SCHOOL

15.15 - 16.30

Monday

Rugby Club
GCSE Dance

Tuesday

KS3 Art Club
Girls Football Club

Wednesday

Lego Club - Tech 3
(Until Wed 13th Feb)
Basketball Club
Taekwondo Club
Primary Festivals
GCSE Art Club

Thursday

Aesthetics Club



HAVE A GREAT WEEK!

Alumni Network

Do you know an ex-student of Chailey School?

The school runs an Alumni Network which keeps in touch with past students and associates. Through this network we can seek outside speakers to provide talks or presentations to students covering a wide range of employability sectors.

If you are a former student at Chailey or know of someone who is, and would like to get involved, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Please contact Mrs Bodner
sbodner@chaileyschool.org