

The Winner Takes It All



**Congratulations to Maya Collier for winning
Battle of the Voices 2023**



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Weekly Message from Mrs Key

It has been such a busy week in school. A large number of Year 11 have been to London to visit the Victoria and Albert Museum, all of year 10 have taken part in Enterprise Day and we had a packed house at our 'Battle of the Voices' event on Tuesday night. It felt like the Chailey of old, pre-pandemic, when we can enjoy learning and experiences for themselves.



A visitor who supported us with Enterprise Day commented 'I would like to comment on how welcoming and polite all the students were as well as being enthusiastic and engaged; without exception they were a real credit to Chailey School. If there is a year group assembly to feedback; please do let them know that they were fantastic to work with.' Great feedback - well done to year 10.

The second set of Year 11 trial exams will be upon us in just over a fortnight and we would encourage all year 11 families to support us in ensuring students properly prepare for them





FRIENDS OF CHAILEY SCHOOL

YEAR 7 DISCO

THURSDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2023

6.30pm—8.30pm

£4

(tickets available on parent pay)

Drinks and snacks will be available to buy

Battle of the Voices



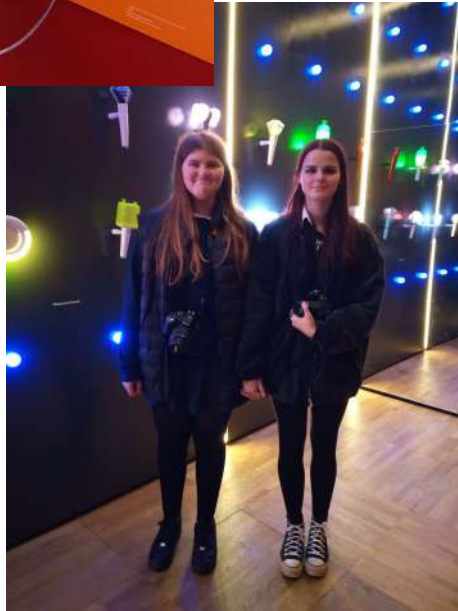
This week saw the first ever "Battle of the Voices" show at Chailey School. It was an incredible show performed in front of a full house. There was a huge variety of incredible talent as the students and the staff pitted their voices against each other. From folk songs to ballads, from 80s pop to badgers, an amazing time was had by all. The Arts Council student judges and celebrity staff judges Mr Baxter and Mrs Key all agreed that Maya Collier was number 1 with a 10 out of 10 from each judge. Thank you to all involved and to the audience. It was simply fabulous



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PHOTOGRAPHY TRIP



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STRIKE!

Recently, we have seen wave after wave of strikes occur, concerning a range of institutions from railways to buses and even the NHS, to name only a few. The year of 2022 saw several strikes relating to the railways, and there is no doubt 2023 will bring about more; already this year we have seen strikes by NHS workers in a dispute over pay and working conditions. But perhaps the most relevant to us as a school surround the impending teacher strikes.

Why?

Perhaps the most important question surrounding strikes is why people actually need to go on strike in the first place. A strike happens when a group of workers join together and decide to stop working to demonstrate they are unhappy with something in their workplace- most often, this tends to be because of pay or working conditions. So why are teachers going on strike? 90% of teachers in England voted to take strike action for a fully funded, above-inflation pay rise. Teachers are angry about the Government's 5% pay offer for most experience staff, which amounts to a 5% real terms wage cut due to high inflation, according to the Institute for Fiscal Studies.

When?

So far, seven dates have been agreed on in February and March by the National Education Union, which are: 1st February, 14th February, 28th February, 1st March, 2nd March, 15th and 16th March. These strikes will occur over both England and Wales and will affect 23,400 schools.

What does this mean for pupils and parents?

School leaders that manage the schools will try as best they can to keep the schools open for pupils to minimise disruption- although this might be difficult with a lack of staff. Lessons

could possibly be taught by other staff members, or be combined with one another to minimise the need for lots of teachers. Strikes can also result in schools restricting attendance for some pupils. Unless told otherwise, most pupils will be expected to go to school as parents still have a legal duty to unless their child is feeling unwell.

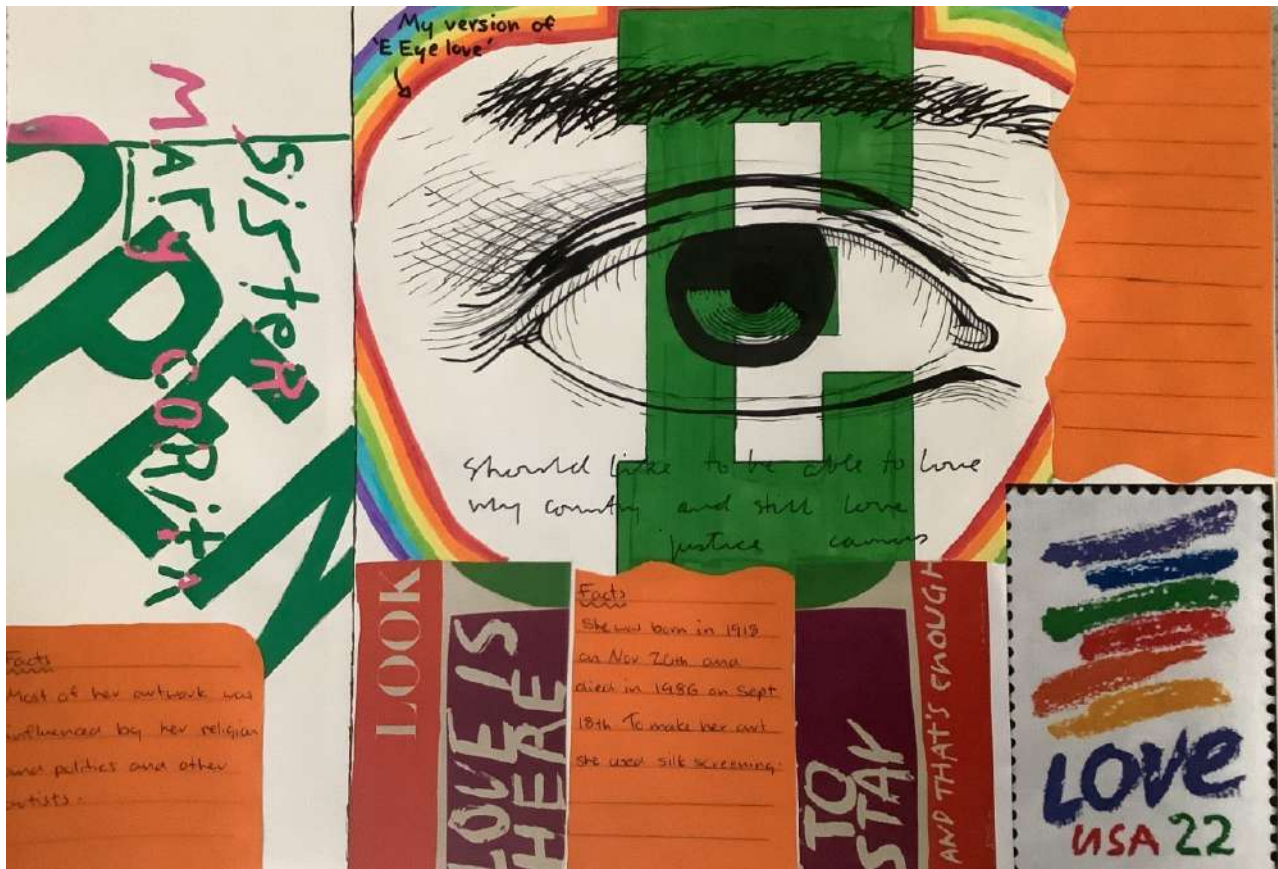
As a student myself, I understand the difficulty many teachers have had making the decision whether to strike or not, and sympathize with their situation. Indeed, I feel as though such action is necessary to bring about the change needed if teachers are to continue being fairly rewarded for their work during these difficult times caused by the cost of living crisis. Failing to compensate teachers adequately will result in some leaving their profession, or being dissuaded from entering the career in the first place.

Written by Florence Home, 10 firle



ARTIST OF THE WEEK

Oscar S-S's AWESOME POP ART



I HEARD A 'WISPA'

Each week we ask teachers to nominate a student to receive an R3 and their names are then published in our newsletter. Two students in each year group (7 and 8) will then be picked at random from the list to receive a 'Wispa' - delivered to them by Mrs Key. Nominations and the winners for this week are below.

7AS	8AS
Noah P—great artwork Zander H - fabulous artwork	Otis R—great determination in maths
7CA	8CA
Will C—super helpful	Evie W—good hearted, polite and positive
7DI	8DI
May S—excellent questioning in maths Anniella L—great resilience in Geography Owen H—hard work in German	
7FI	8FI
	Cameron B—hard working in German Enzo S—great focus, application and thoughtfulness
7GL	8GL
	Rudy A—for thoughtfulness in science Monty W—for thoughtfulness in science Greg H—thoughtfulness in science
7WD	8WD
Chloe M—excellent participation in BE Layla J—excellent participation in BE Henry P—excellent participation in BE Scarlett GC—excellent participation in BE Brooke J—helping in science during lunch Lily S—excellent attitude	Lily K—creativity



January 2023

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2	3 Term Begins	4	5 Yr 11 Results Presenta- tion (students in school)	6
9 Jamies Farm Visit	10	11	12 Year 11 Parents Evening (in school)	13
16 Year 10 Enterprise Day	17 Year 11 Art/Photography Trip Battle of the Voices 6pm	18	19	20
23 Varndean IB Presenta- tion	24	25 Year 11 Geography Field Trip Year 11 Intervention Evening	26 Year 9 Parents Evening (in school)	27
30	31			

