



# October 2017 Newsletter

## General School News

### 2017 Exam Success

Huge congratulations to all pupils and families involved in exams during May and June. We realise that they are anxious times for everyone (including teachers!). We'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your hard work, preparation and support that has provided us with another successful exam year at CHS.

Here is a very quick snapshot summary of our success:

#### S4

- 5+ SCQF 3 = 92% (above NL average)
- 5+ SCQF 4 = 89% (above NL average)
- 5+ SCQF 5 = 42% (above NL average)

#### S5

- 1+ SCQF 6 = 59% (above NL average)
- 3+ SCQF 6 = 29% (NL average)
- 5+ SCQF 6 = 7% (slightly below NL)

#### S6

- 1+ - 61% (NL average)
- 3+ - 43% (above NL average)
- 5+ - 25% (NL average)
- 1+ - SCQF 7 – 15% (slightly below NLC average 2<sup>nd</sup> highest on record)

98% of young people leaving CHS enter into a positive destination (further education, higher education, employment, training etc.) – best equal in NLC!



### Uniform



CHS pupils (such as our School Captains above showing off the new S6/Prefect tie) are looking very smart and are very proud of their new ties launched at the beginning of this session in line with our updated school vision, values and aims. We have had a huge number of very positive comments from people within and out-with our community – We Are Chryston High, I C A R E (Integrity, Compassion, Ambition, Respect, Equity)

### New Staff

We are delighted that our new staff members have settled in and contributing hugely to CHS already. In August we welcomed the following staff members into our proud community:

Ms McColl (HE), Ms Ferguson (Art), Mr Lamb (Music), Ms Malcolm (ML), Mr McVie (English – covering for Ms McNulty), Mr Scott (Art), Ms Bateman (English), Ms Hillhouse (ICT), Ms Kane (History), Mr Buchanan (Tech), Ms Gibson (Art), Ms Ringrose (Biology)





### Other New Colleagues

In line with a new local policing structure we are delighted to have links/ward support from PC Marc Smith and PC Eddie Gilmartin. They are now an important part of our school, supporting our curriculum (especially PSHE, Pupil Forum and Assemblies) and also working with us to further support young people and families.

known authors and stand-up comedians to poets and video games writers. Our S1 and S2 really did experienced literacy in its widest sense. Perhaps this will be something our school will offer on an annual basis now due to the great learning and success of the programme.

### Tanzania Trip – World Challenge

14 pupils arrived home safely in July following a life changing experience trekking and engaging in voluntary work in Tanzania. The pupils involved managed to live without their phones for over 3 weeks which was highlighted as an achievement in itself! They improved their teamwork, resilience and their main trek had them climb Mount Rungwe – at 2981m it is twice the height of Ben Nevis (with 75 litre rucksacks on their backs!). During their trip they also worked in Ndwili Primary School where they plastered walls and met and worked with some of the local children. Congratulations and well done to everyone involved including Miss Renicks and Miss Shields who led and organised such a fantastic trip.



### S1 Picnic in the Park

All S1 joined their learning up together in Drumpellier Country Park on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept in our annual Picnic in The Park event. Orienteering (PE), map reading (Social Subjects), timing (Maths/Numeracy), and cooking/soup making skills (HE) amongst other things ensured that the S1 pupils enjoyed their morning in this outdoor learning event. Many staff (current and former) helped out on the day as did a number of non-teaching staff. Thanks to everyone involved and all S1 pupils who conducted themselves in an exemplary manner, just as we expected.

### Literacy Festival

On Weds 11<sup>th</sup> October (S1) and Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> (S2) Miss Deans (PT PEF and English Teacher) led an incredibly successful Literacy Festival. Pupils engaged in outstanding examples of learning delivered by a series of guests ranging from well-





## Charity Concert

Over 20 pupils from S1 - S6 performed in a Concert at Chryston Parish Church in aid of Alzheimer's Scotland on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October. It was a terrific evening of Music showing off the many talents of our pupils. The audience were enthralled from start to finish. The Concert raised £341 for a very worthy cause.



## Sports Awards Ceremony



Over 150 young sports stars in CHS celebrated their success at our annual Sports Awards Ceremony. We have so many talented sporting pupils in our school including swimmers, athletes, rugby players, football players to mention but a few. Meghan Cunningham (Celtic and Scotland) presented the prizes following an inspirational speech. Well done to all pupils involved and to staff who organised the event.

## S2 Science

This term S2 science pupils have been studying the Environment & Plants Topic. Pupils have been demonstrating their skills by making pollution monitors, surveyed the school grounds, created poster presentations and writing & performing drama displays on seed dispersal. The topic will be completed by the planting of spring bulbs in the green area at the school gates.



## Awards Ceremony

On the evening of Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September we held our annual School Awards Ceremony. We were delighted to be joined by our special guest Leanne Joss (former pupil) who addressed the audience with a motivational speech. She later presented prizes to over 100 pupils. Congratulations to all of our award winners and thanks to the team who organised and led the event.





## Football News

Our S1s played their first competitive match in the Scottish Shield and after a 2-2 draw won through on penalty kicks. Joshua Sieveright scored both goals. The team were great, with a standout performance from Christopher White in goal!



Our girls team is currently sitting third in the s4-6 table (that's with some s1,2&3 girls playing up). Congratulations girls – keep up the great work!



## Upcoming Dates

- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October, 28<sup>th</sup> June – term ends at 2.55pm
- New term begins Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October for all pupils, 8.55am
- Parent Council meeting – Weds 8<sup>th</sup> November, 6.30pm
- SQA Prelim Info Evening (S4 – S6 parents) 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov, 6.30pm
- S5/6 Parent Consultation Evening, 16<sup>th</sup> Nov, 4.15pm – 6.45pm
- INSET 3 – Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Nov (school closed for pupils)
- P7 Parents Info Evening, Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Nov, 6.30pm

## Other Information

Please remember if you have any good news/information you would like to be considered for future newsletters please contact the school.

***Finally, on behalf of everyone at Chryston High School, we wish you an enjoyable and restful October break.***

