



Headteacher's Introduction:

Welcome to our first Swan of the school year, and a very warm welcome to our new students, parents, and carers who have joined us, particularly to our new Year 7 cohort. I am incredibly proud of the way these pupils have started their high school careers with us and how they daily uphold our values.

The school has been incredibly busy during the summer holidays, hosting a summer school, completing building work, and creating a new Sixth Form area. For the two days before the school term began, the build resembled an episode of DIY SOS with so many trades on site! The new Geography and Business classes are fantastic and represent a huge upgrade for these departments. Students now have access to bright, airy, and modern rooms with 72" smart screens, which will further improve teaching and learning.

The sixth form have a new common room, silent study room and a new food serving area with a highly anticipated Costa Coffee machine. The additional space will encourage students to use their study time wisely in school and help them to prepare for the transition to more independent study.



The new school day has allowed students to have an extended breaktime and lunchtime and although some students were apprehensive about all of the year groups being together, the feedback from students has been positive. I hope the arrangements that we put into place to manage the canteen have made this a positive experience for the students.

Year 11 now have their own food serving area and common room for breaktimes and lunchtimes. This area is then used by sixth form students for study during lesson time.

During the year we will be inviting all parents and carers into school for our information evenings. The Year 10 evening has already taken place and others will follow. There was also a recent 'Meet the Headteacher' event and **we have our sixth form open evening scheduled for Wednesday 6th November.** We look forward to welcoming year 11 students to visit and learn about the exciting post-16 opportunities available here at Christleton High School.

We have had another summer of excellent results at Christleton High School with two thirds of results at A Level achieving grades A*-B. We also achieved an average grade B- for the fifth year in succession.



This makes us one of the highest achieving school sixth forms in Cheshire West and Chester and is outstanding given our entry criteria. At GCSE the students achieved excellent results with 80% of students achieving 5 grades 9-4 including English and Maths. Again, we are one of the highest achieving schools in Cheshire West and Chester for attainment and also progress. As you know we do not take these results for granted, and we continue to strive and build towards further improvements with our year groups.

Our parent and carer survey was completed in July, which included a comments section where parents and carers could share their views. These comments are valued and useful in helping to shape the direction of the school.

The majority of the comments were highly positive and supportive of the school. Thank you to all of the 280 parents and carers who took time to complete the survey. I have included some of the headlines below.

86% of parents/carers would recommend Christleton to another parent.

62% of respondents preferred online parent/carers evenings and 38% would prefer to visit school

I am pleased with the outcomes, and overall, there is a 3% increase in satisfaction since 2023.

The areas of greatest satisfaction are our high expectations, student progress, student support, and feeling safe.

You can see the full breakdown of the survey results on the following page.

To address issues around communication, we have developed the new 'School Synergy' app, and I hope you now have a better understanding of your child's progress.

The half-termly Swan update also aims to help parents feel more informed about what is happening at our school. We have placed an enormous amount of information on the school website, such as detailed curriculum and assessment plans, and we encourage all parents to visit this. We are also going to review how the school can reduce the incidence of bullying and deal with reports of bullying more effectively.

We are discussing the possibility of returning to some face-to-face school-based parents' evenings in the future, however, there is still a high percentage of parents and carers who prefer virtual evenings.

This half-term we say goodbye to Mrs. Dentith (Examinations Officer) and Miss Aykroyd (PE teacher), and I thank them both for their service to the school.

School will re-open on Monday, 4th November, and I look forward to seeing everyone then.

Mr Smith.



Parent and Carer Survey Results July 2024

Question	Strongly Agree or Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree or Strongly Disagree
My child/children are generally happy at Christleton.	75%	10%	15%
My child/children know where to get support if needed.	79%	13%	8%
My child/children feel safe at school.	85%	10%	5%
Children at Christleton are generally well behaved.	71%	18%	11%
If my child was to experience persistent bullying, I am confident that the school would deal with it effectively.	50%	32%	18%
I am confident that if I need to raise an issue, the school will deal with it effectively.	57%	26%	17%
The school provides information on what my child will study.	53%	22%	26%
The school lets me know through the KASH assessment process how my child is progressing.	76%	11%	13%
The school lets me know through the KASH assessment process how my child is progressing.	79%	14%	7%
The school supports my child's wider development.	71%	19%	10%
The school communicates well with parents/carers.	64%	15%	21%
The school has high expectations for my child.	77%	14%	9%
The recent ban on mobile phones has been a step forward.	66%	20%	14%

Deputy Headteacher Update Pastoral



New Student Leadership

This academic will see the introduction of a new Student Leadership initiative.

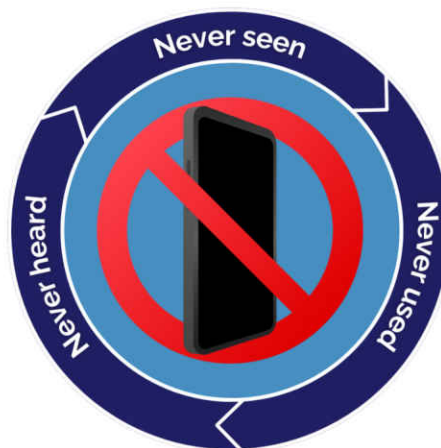
We have always had a great Sixth Form Leadership team but now we want to roll out a programme giving additional roles and responsibilities to students in Years 7-11. We will be sharing more through Assemblies and plan to give opportunities for students to get more involved in charity fundraising or supporting in areas such as anti-bullying. Mrs. Stoker will be communicating to the students about what opportunities are available and how they can apply. This feeds into a wider aim which is to develop our sense of community – a 'we together' and for us to further glean the enthusiasm that so many students have, to be given that 'extra responsibility'

Breaktimes

We returned to school this September with new timings to the school day- this included a return to the single break and lunchtime. This was something we thought long and hard about. The split break and lunch was introduced after COVID and in some respects there were benefits in having fewer students out at once. After consultation with staff, we decided to take the plunge. The results have been pleasing and so far, so good! The school environment is much calmer as all students are having lessons at the same time, avoiding breaktime noise disturbing learning. Last year we worked hard to improve our queuing systems for the Dining Hall, and this has benefited us as students have quickly got used to new routines as we stagger Year groups into the Dining Hall. Year 11 can enjoy a new dining space just for them, and the Sixth Form area is now fully up and running.

Our biggest challenge will always be wet breaks and lunches as we simply do not have large indoor spaces available to us. Mr Cosstick has had the task of working out the logistics of what to do with 1400 students when the heavens open. Let's hope we won't need to resort to the wet bell too much, but well done to the students who are getting used to new routines.

Mobile Phones



I could not let this moment pass without an update regarding our mobile phone ban. For me, this is one of those, 'why didn't we do this sooner?' moments. Once again, a big thankyou for supporting us with this change. I was so proud of the students who got on board and switched those phones off prior to the summer. We didn't get the kick back we expected and most confiscations were due to students just having to change habitual behaviours of carrying phones in their hands all day. I was expecting us to have to work hard to pull back those changes, assuming that six weeks of mobile phones 'in hand' would inevitably impact the first few weeks. I am so proud of the students and can honestly say we haven't had any issues whatsoever. Not only have we got over a thousand students out on break at once, but we also have students on break without phones. It's simply great to see – I'll leave it there!

Mrs Lister



Deputy Headteacher Update Curriculum & Achievement

Thank you for your feedback following our first 'Deputies Update', shared in October via email. We will share further updates in relation to our whole school priorities each term.



Following on from Mr Smith's Headteacher's blog, Summer 2024 Key Stage 4 and 5 Results Days certainly brought a real cause for celebration as we joined together to congratulate students on their fantastic achievements. We are so proud of all students who received their results, and we wish them the best of luck as they begin their courses at our outstanding Sixth Form, or their chosen pathway.

Sixth Form and Year 11

September saw the opening of our newly renovated Sixth Form Centre. As part of the building works over the summer, two classrooms were converted to increase dedicated Sixth Form space. This includes a dedicated independent study room.

Increased spaces for independent study mean that more students can make greater use of their independent study sessions, guaranteeing effective study at all times. Costa Coffee is now available in the Sixth Form Common Room for that early morning caffeine fix!



Congratulations to our first Year 13 students who have submitted their UCAS applications. We have many more students in the process of applying for university places. We also offer lots of support for students as they investigate pathways including apprenticeships and College courses.

Year 11 students now also have their own common room for use during break and lunchtime, adjacent to the Sixth Form Centre. Not only does this provide them with their own canteen facilities but enables them to make effective use of study space in preparation for mock and external examinations.

Year 7 MidYIS Testing

Nearly all Year 7 students have sat their MidYIS baseline assessment. Their outcomes will be used by staff in school to identify **student academic Starting Points**, which are a key part of our KASH Assessment Framework. More information relating to Starting Points and the KASH Assessment Framework can be found here: <https://www.christletonhigh.co.uk/curriculum/assessment-and-reporting.php>

We have an exciting year ahead and I look forward to seeing you at one of our events below. Any feedback is greatly appreciated as we look to work together to support all students to be the best that they can be.

Mrs Roberts

Key Curriculum Dates coming up:

Key Stage 3 Information Evening 19th November

Year 11 Mocks start on 11th November

Year 13 Mocks start on 9th December



Please see pg for further term dates



focus on **HOMework**

Where to find student homework - changes for after half term

Full information regarding our changes to homework for 2024-25 was shared in October's Deputies Update. However, with the swift roll out of Synergy, we are pleased to announce a change to where students can access all assigned homework tasks.

From November 4th, all student homework will be set on Synergy only. Therefore please ensure your child has access to the Synergy portal or app.

Google classroom will still be used for homework online submissions but lists of tasks and assignments will be found only on Google Classroom.

Details of how to help your child can be found below.

Via the app:

Download the free School Synergy Student app

Log in via Microsoft 365 using school email address and password



Via the portal:

Portal link:
<https://christletonhigh.schoolsynergy.co.uk>

Log in via Microsoft 365

Mrs Roberts



GCSE Results Summer 2024

Christleton High School's Year 11 students had much to celebrate as they received their outstanding GCSE results. With over 87% of students having achieved five or more GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, and 81% earning Grade 4 or above in both English and Maths, the results reflected their hard work and dedication. Over half of the students had secured at least one Grade 7 or higher, showcasing their impressive academic achievements.

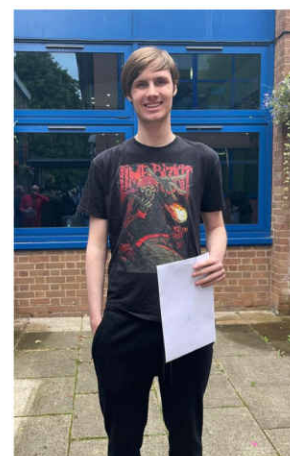
The overall pass rate stood at an impressive 99.6%, while the BTEC students also excelled, with 87% having achieved a Level 2 Pass or higher, and nearly half of the BTEC results earning a Distinction or Distinction*

Some of our highest achieving students included:

- Olivia Beauchamp who achieved 4 Grade 9s, 5 Grade 8s and 1 Grade 7 is going on to study A-Levels in English Literature, Maths & Spanish
- Louisa Beddows who achieved 4 Grade 9s, 4 Grade 8s and 1 Grade 6 is going on to study A-Levels in, Chemistry & History
- Heidi Burkinshaw who achieved 8 Grade 9s and 1 Grade 8 is going on to study A-Levels in Art, French and English Literature
- Hermes Chiang who achieved 6 Grade 9s, 2 Grade 7s, 1 Grade 6 and a Grade 4 is going on to study A-Levels in Maths, Chemistry, Biology & Further Maths
- Max Cole who achieved 6 Grade 9s, 1 Grade 8, 2 Grade 7s and 1 Grade 5 is going on to study A-Levels in Computer Science, Maths, Physics & Further Maths
- Florence Creighton who achieved 6 Grade 9s, 2 Grade 8s and 1 Grade 6 is going on to study A-Levels in Maths, Biology & Chemistry
- Louisa Highfield who achieved 5 Grade 9s, 2 Grade 8s and 2 Grade 7s is going on to study A-Levels in Art, Biology & Chemistry
- Finlay Hover who achieved 4 Grade 9s, 4 Grade 8s and 2 Grade 6s is going on to study A-Levels in History, Maths, Physics & Further Maths
- Libby Ireland who achieved 8 Grade 9s and 1 Grade 8 is going on to study A-Levels in English Literature, Spanish & History

- Charlotte Samson who achieved 5 Grade 9s, 2 Grade 8s, 1 Grade 7 and 1 Grade 6 is going on to study A-Levels in English Literature, Photography & Media
- Amalie Wharton who achieved 4 Grade 9s, 2 Grade 8s and 3 Grade 7s is going on to study A-Levels in Maths, Biology & Chemistry

All of the following students achieved a Level 2 Distinction* in at least one BTEC subject: Phoebe Ashton, Ella Gregg, Jessica Leathwaite, Ava Bayes-Kitcher, Niamh Higgins, Mia Maddocks, Alf Crawford, Emma Inglis, Alex Oliver, Caitlin Clarke, Amy Jones, George Shelton, Leah Done, Maisie Jones, Lara Fields and Pippa Kite-Mackay



Mr Smith commented; "We're extremely proud of our GCSE students once again after achieving another set of excellent results. These students have worked through some of the toughest times in modern history in their younger years at Christleton and so to achieve results like this is just fantastic."

A Level Results Summer 2024

This year's incredible outcomes marked a further improvement on the excellent grades from 2023. The A-Level results exceeded the national average for A*-A and A*-C grades, placing students in an excellent position for their transition to university or employment.

In addition to A-Levels, the school also offered a range of high-performing BTEC courses, where the average result in 2024 was a Distinction*. Each student rose to the challenge, demonstrating their commitment, hard work, and determination, qualities that will no doubt prove invaluable as they take the next steps in their education or career—whether that involves university, apprenticeships, or directly entering the workforce.

Some of our highest achieving students include:

- Leandra de Kiewit, A* A* A* A*, who will go on to study Computer Science at the University of Sheffield
- Loki Konstant-Hambling, A* A* A* (and an A in an AS Subject), who will go on to study General Engineering at Durham University
- Ethan Burkinshaw, A* A* A*, who will go on to study Natural Sciences at Durham University
- Rebecca Hudson, A* A* A*, who will go on to study Dentistry at the University of Birmingham

Exceptional results have also been obtained by:

- Jenna Alexander, A* A* A, who will go on to study Dentistry at the University of Glasgow
- Isabel Barnes, A* A A, who will go on to study Medicine at the University of Birmingham
- Josie Bingham, A* A* A, who will go on to study Mathematics at the University of Bristol
- Imogen Fisher, A* A* A, who will go on to study Film, Photography and Media at the University of Leeds
- Mark Hannay, A* A A, who will go on to study Ancient and Modern History at the University of Oxford
- Isabel Highfield, A* A A, who will go on to study Graphic Design and Illustration at Liverpool John Moores University
- Amy McDonnell, A* A* A, who will go on to study Fine Art at the University of Leeds
- Simran Rayet, A* A A, who will go on to study Law at the University of Birmingham

- Tomos Smalldon, A* A A A, who will go on to study Physics at the University of Manchester
- Alicia Wright, A* A A, who will go on to study Physiotherapy at the University of Nottingham



Commenting on the fantastic results, Mr Smith said: "As a school, we are extremely proud of the maturity our Sixth Formers have shown during their two-year study programme. They have rightly been rewarded with some fabulous results that will no doubt help them to transition from school to university life or employment in the wider working world.

On behalf of all of us at Christleton High School, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate each of our students on their hard-earned achievements. I would also like to extend thanks to our teachers for their continued commitment and professionalism, and finally, to parents and carers, whose support and constant encouragement has no doubt meant so much to our students' morale."

Sixth Form Update - Mr Rose

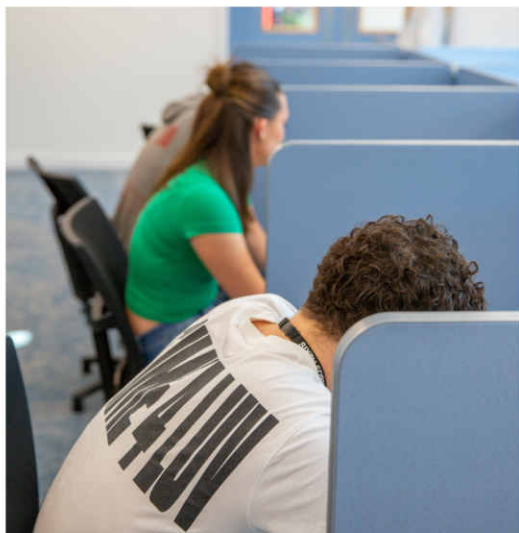
Welcome Year 12

It has been a pleasure to welcome our new Year 12 Cohort into the Sixth Form Community. Students from a range of different schools and countries have come together in the Sixth Form and, as always, created a friendly and inclusive atmosphere for all. With some of our highest grades recorded at A level last year, the future certainly is bright!



New Sixth Form Centre

It has been very busy over the last few months with the development of our new Sixth Form Centre. New canteen facilities, a brand new silent study area and increased workspace for students have all been completed this half term. Students are making the most of these and it's great to have the environment necessary for students to reach their full potential.



Year 13 Update

Year 13 have started what is one of the toughest years in their education with a great attitude. With university applications and exams on the horizon, they have really risen to the challenge. The commitment and aspirations shown have been unparalleled with 13 students applying to Oxford or Cambridge, 2 applying for medicine and one already at interview stage for a prestigious finance apprenticeship. We wish them all the best with their applications and can't wait to hear how they get on.



Last Day Fundraising

Continuing a fantastic Christleton Community tradition, our Happy and Hardworking 6th form leadership team hosted another brilliant Last Day in July. More than £4000 was raised for the 6th form's chosen charities: Chester Aid to the Homeless and Cancer Research UK. It was a great way to end the year!



Year 12 Chester University Trip

On Friday 13th September, Year 12 students visited Chester University. The day was very engaging and allowed students to expand their critical thinking skills, as well as identifying what life would be like as a student. We had two different lectures, one based on whether statements were objective or subjective and the other based on what different courses looked like on a student timetable.

After this students then had lunch. There were many options on campus including: a canteen, shop, students' union, a pizza parlour, and Starbucks. Students then embarked on the opportunity to complete a self-guided treasure hunt tour of the campus, where they had to take photos of different locations. To finish the day students went back to the lecture theatre and got shown all the pictures their peers took around the campus.

James Edwards 12.2



Year 13 Language Students Explore the World of Language & Culture at Manchester Metropolitan University

Year 13 language students had the opportunity to immerse themselves in an enriching day at Manchester Metropolitan University yesterday. The visit offered them a taste of university life and opened up new horizons in their study of language, culture, and society.

The students attended a series of engaging lectures delivered by experts in the field, covering diverse topics related to language, culture, and their impact on society. These sessions provided the students with valuable insights into how language shapes our understanding of the world and how cultural perspectives influence communication on a global scale.

Beyond the academic content, the experience was an eye-opener, offering students a glimpse into the dynamic world of higher education. The thought-provoking lectures inspired many students to think more deeply about their future studies and career paths, fostering a passion for further exploration in the field of linguistics and cultural studies.

The day was filled with lively discussions, fresh ideas, and a sense of excitement about the possibilities that lie ahead. It was a memorable experience that left a lasting impression on all those who attended.



Sixth Form Open Evening

Wednesday 6th November (5:00 - 7:20pm)

Calling all Year 11 students and parents! Come and hear about the 27 different A-level and Btec courses on offer, our 360 Futures programme, the Extended Project Qualification, Mathematical Studies, and our first-class careers guidance and university application support.



European Day of Languages

On Thursday 26th September, it was the European Day of Languages. As MFL Hot Scholars, we decided to run a competition among the teachers to celebrate it. During the morning we handed out tokens to all form groups in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10.

In order to earn the tokens, teachers had to use a foreign language in their lessons. This could be a word, phrase, or whole sentence, and it was at the discretion of students how many tokens they chose to award depending on the complexity. At the end of the day, the tokens were collected and counted by us; winners were announced soon after and the prize was given to the newly-appointed Christleton MFL Champion.

Miss Povey was our winner with an impressive 99 tokens, followed by Miss Anderson and Miss Tatlock who tied for second place. Miss Povey's dedication paid off as she was awarded with a certificate and bottle of wine, which we hope she enjoyed. We would like to thank everybody for participating and congratulate each and every teacher who put in the effort to make this day possible.

¡Gracias!
The MFL Hot Scholars



Malaga - October 2024



SPORTS NEWS

As we wrap up another exciting half term at Christleton High School, our sports teams have truly showcased their talent, determination, and teamwork. From thrilling matches to personal bests, our athletes have been making waves across various sports.

In football, both the boys' and girls' teams have demonstrated incredible skill on the pitch, with standout performances leading to significant victories. The rugby teams have also made their mark, showcasing grit and sportsmanship in a series of challenging fixtures. Meanwhile, our netball players have displayed impressive teamwork and strategy, achieving commendable results in their matches.

Additionally, our cross-country runners have shown great resilience, with several students qualifying for regional competitions.

As we reflect on these achievements, let's celebrate the hard work and dedication of our students and coaches, who continue to inspire one another. Stay tuned for highlights and updates from each team as we look forward to the next round of competitions!

For more details and future updates follow @christletonhighpe on Instagram.



Congratulations to our **Year 8 boys football team** for coming second place in the Chester & District 7 aside competition.

3 games played with no goals conceded! An amazing performance.

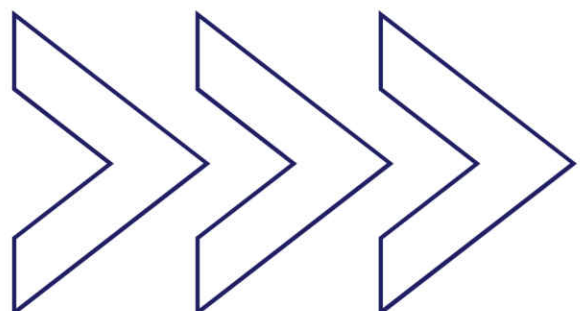


A huge well done to our **U13 netball squad** for an incredible first SnS game against Queen's.

Some amazing defensive play and combinations in attack, well done girls. Bring on round 2 🌞?



Our **U14 netball squad** travelled to Tytherington School in the first round of the SnS Shield. Some excellent netball played securing the 27-9 win, well done girls!



SPORTS NEWS



Our **sixth form boys 7-a-side** team were victorious in their Chester & District tournament!

The boys went undefeated across all 6 games and a penalty shootout win against Upton with a fantastic save from Freddie H meaning Sam B could convert the winning kick.

A great performance from the whole squad but a special shoutout to Dec J, Louis G & Franek S!



Our **Year 11 Rugby team** travelled to Tarporley to play games against Abbeygate, Tarporley & SJT.

After some brilliant rugby, we finished 3rd in Chester & District.

James H scored the try of the day with a fine run from just inside his own half to finish in the corner. Some excellent individual and a resilient team performance, well played boys!

A fantastic performance from our **Year 9 rugby team** in their Chester & District tournament.

The boys won all 4 of their games against Weaverham, Leftwich, SJT and Bishop Heber without conceding any tries, making them Chester and District champions!!

The team showed some amazing resilience and determination throughout, well done boys!



An amazing result from our **U16 netball squad** in their first round of the SnS competition against Upton Hall. The girls played some fantastic netball to come home with the win, finishing 31-14.

A huge well done and good luck for round 2 girls!
POM - Millie R



SPORTS NEWS



Our **U19 netball squad** played in the Chester & District netball tournament with an impressive performance in all 5 games.

Some lovely netball put on display to win our games against Abbeygate, King's and Heber but unfortunately couldn't do enough to beat Upton.

The girls finished with an impressive second place in the district and should be super proud of themselves!

★POM: Mia, Maya & Lucy ★CPOT: Evie



Our **Year 7 boys 7-a-side** squad put on an amazing performance at the Chester & District tournament at Abbeygate.

The boys played 6 games, beating QPHS, Heber, King's, Abbeygate and Blacon to finish with a draw against Upton. Well deserved champions of the district, well done boys!

An outstanding performance from our **U14 girls football team** in the first round of the Cheshire Cup. A strong performance from everyone and lots of brilliant goals.

Well done girls, onto round 2!

★POM - Evie M ★CPOM - Jess N



A great performance yesterday from our **Year 8 rugby squad** in their Chester & District tournament.

Try scorers Ramoj B and Joe D, fantastic leadership and play from Osin W and standout performances from Seb B, Olly T and Christian J, tackle of the day from Tobias S!



SPORTS NEWS

CHS Ju Jitsu Champions!

Lexi (11KE2) and Michael Minghella (9BA2) have been selected to join the British Squad having become National Champions at this year's British Ju Jitsu Championships in Walsall.

Earlier this month they had the opportunity to compete and be taught by instructors from: USA, Belgium, Italy, Spain, Gibraltar and from across the UK in the United Nations Ju Jitsu World Congress in Otterbach, Germany.

Lexi won 4 medals across the two-day event in the 14–17-year-old categories:

GOLD – 2-Person Weapons Kata

SILVER – Continuous Fighting

SILVER – Open Hand Kata

BRONZE – 2-Person Open Hand Kata

Michael won 4 medals across the two-day event in the 12–13-year-old categories:

GOLD – Pairs demo

GOLD – Weapons Kata

GOLD – Groundfighting

SILVER – Sparring



A massive well done to Lexi and Michael for this achievement!

Our First Annual Sports Awards Evening

A Huge Congratulations to Our Winners and Nominees!

We are thrilled to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our students at our first annual Sports Awards Evening, held just before the summer break! It was an incredible night honoring the sporting and academic successes of so many talented individuals.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for this special occasion and for your unwavering support throughout the year. Your presence made the evening truly memorable.

We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to ****Beth Tweddle MBE**** for sharing her extraordinary and inspiring stories from her life and sporting career. Her insights left a lasting impact on all who attended.

Let's aim to create even more spectacular memories in the 2024-25 school year!



Over 130 students audition for CHS's next school musical, Billy Elliot

This year, over 130 students from all year groups participated in auditions for the upcoming school musical, Billy Elliot. Each student prepared a short singing performance, and



the staff were thoroughly impressed with the incredible effort put forth by everyone. It was a proud moment for us all to witness such confidence and talent on display. With so many outstanding auditions, casting the show proved to be a difficult task. However, at CHS, we believe in providing an opportunity for everyone who auditions, so each student has been offered a role. This means the production will face some logistical challenges with staging, but it's a fantastic problem to have!

Billy Elliot follows the journey of a young boy from a coal-mining village in northeast England, who overcomes societal and family pressures to pursue his dream of becoming a ballet dancer. Set against the backdrop of the 1984-85 miners' strike, which devastates the community, Billy's story is one of resilience and ambition. Raised by his father, brother, and grandfather after his mother's passing, Billy's family is unfamiliar with the arts and, at first, hostile to his interest in ballet. Defying their expectations, Billy uses his boxing lesson money to secretly fund dance classes with Mrs. Wilkinson, a local teacher who quickly recognises his prodigious talent. Despite resistance from his family, Mrs. Wilkinson helps Billy secure an audition with the prestigious Royal Ballet School in London. In time, both his family and the village overcome their initial skepticism and rally behind Billy's dreams.

With a cast of 132, rehearsals will begin in earnest after the half-term break. We will also be recruiting students interested in joining the backstage crew to assist with lighting, sound, stage management, costumes, props, and other essential elements of the production. Tickets for Billy Elliot will go on sale starting Tuesday, 5th November, via the school's website. We're looking forward to full houses for all five performances in March next year!

Mr Phillips

Our first half term by 7K2

As the first half-term comes to a close, we've caught up with some of our new students to hear their thoughts on their experiences so far. From making new friends to discovering favorite subjects and clubs, they've had a lot to share about their transition into life at CHS.

"I like the school and the extracurricular activities, and I think I have settled in well, as I've been on time to lessons. I've made a few new friends, so all in all, I am enjoying school." - Ellena

"Since starting high school, I have made some amazing friends. I've enjoyed going to drama club, and I like MFL, ICT, and Performing Arts. So far, it's been going great." - Lily

"I enjoy Christleton a lot. I like maths, English, science, and geography. I have settled in perfectly. I love the clubs, and my favorite is badminton." - Vuk

"This half-term has been good because I've made lots of friends and earned many positive points. My favorite lesson are PE and Art." - Dotty

"I have really enjoyed English and History, and I've made loads of new friends." - Riley

Wishing all our staff, students and families a happy and restful half-term break.

Term dates and dates for your diary:

04.11.24	School re-opens
06.11.24	Sixth Form Open Evening
11.11.24	Year 11 Mocks start
19.11.24	KS3 Information Evening
28.11.24	DofE Expedition briefing for parents and students 18:00 - 19:00
03.12.24	Year 10 Parents' Evening
09.12.24	Year 13 Mocks start
19.12.24	CHS Christmas Concert 19:00
20.12.24	School closes for Christmas Break

Please visit our [website](#) for further information. Follow us on [@ChristletonHS](#) and [christletonhighpe](#) on Instagram for all our sporting news.

We welcome articles from students! If you have something to share, whether it's school news, an opinion piece, or creative writing, we'd love to hear from you. To submit your articles, please email them to theswan@christletonhigh.co.uk

We look forward to your contributions!