



What a marvellous group of students we have! I am regularly accosted in the corridors by teachers telling me how much they are enjoying teaching Year 7. This is all the more impressive bearing in mind that this has been a tricky term to start secondary school. The girls have worked really hard with their organisation, attitude towards learning in lessons, homework and friendships and they're certainly winning! We surveyed the year group this week and it's been great to read some of the things that they are enjoying about school, as well as some of the areas where we can be offering some targeted support in the new year. If your daughter hasn't completed the survey yet, please ask her to click the link in her email so we can hear from her. We hope both she and you are able to take some time over the next two weeks to relax. We wish you and yours a very happy and restful Christmas.

Miss Stanley, Miss Williams & CHSG7 Tutor Team



Most Golden Tickets...

w/b 30th November

Mollie J	7PK1	4GT
Abigail T	7RW2	4GT

w/b 7th December

Skye B	7RD2	5GT
Aleeza I	7HL1	4GT
Lilia L	7RW1	4GT
Kanishka JS	7HL1	4GT



Most HAPS...

(not mentioned above)

w/b 30th November

Olivia R	7RW1	14 points
Georgia J	7RW1	13 points
Lilia L	7RW1	13 points
Hajetha Y	7RW1	13 points

w/b 7th December

Chloe D	7HL1	12 points
Olivia R	7RW1	12 points
Naomi B	7RD1	12 points
Maiara M	7RW1	12 points
Angelina M	7RD3	12 points

Spotlight on a Subject – PE

Year 7 have been studying Gymnastics or Netball this term. In Netball, they have learnt the basics of passing and footwork, interspersed with the rules of gameplay. They have demonstrated key skills, such as teamwork and sportsmanship, as they have worked together to develop their knowledge.

In Gymnastics, students have been introduced to various skills including jumps, rolls and balances. They have applied key terms to these skills in order to make their skills look aesthetically pleasing. They have used transitions to link these skills together in a routine.

Tutor Reads – 7HL1 – Letters from the Lighthouse

Letters from the Lighthouse is about a mum and her children during World War 2. Sukie (the eldest child of 3) decides that they all deserve to go to the cinema as a treat whilst their mum is at work, but during the movie she goes to the bathroom, and doesn't return. So, when there is an air raid, Olive and Cliff (her siblings) get very scared. They later get evacuated and find a special note with a code on it which was in the coat Sukie was wearing. Olive is determined to find out if anyone knows anything about her sister's mysterious disappearance. They now have a mystery on their hands! I think this book is full of cliff hangers, and really gets you guessing. It is a very touching book, and you feel like you're there with them, when we read it in the morning - it makes me think that this story could be so similar to many children in World War 2. This book is packed with surprises, and I can't wait to find out what will happen next!

By Annabella C





Christmas Extravaganza

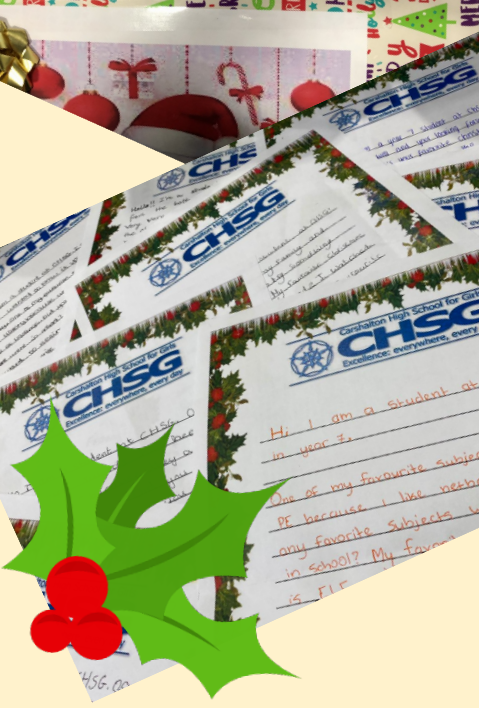
This week, CHSG7 have been busy writing letters and assembling hampers for residents in our local community.

The girls have written a Christmas letter to residents in local care homes ready for Father Christmas to deliver, just in time for Christmas!

They have also really enjoyed making and decorating Christmas Hampers with their tutor groups. We want to say a big thank you for your kind donations and support with making these. It was our mission to bring the spirit of Christmas to those who are less fortunate than us, especially at this time of year. It has been a difficult year for many, so our girls wanted to give something back.

It has been lovely to see them come together and create something so wonderful for others in the community, and they are all feeling very proud!

The Christmas Hampers will be donated to families identified by Home-Start, Sutton.



Word Millionaires!

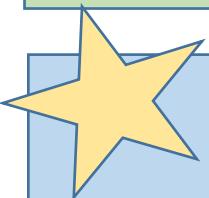
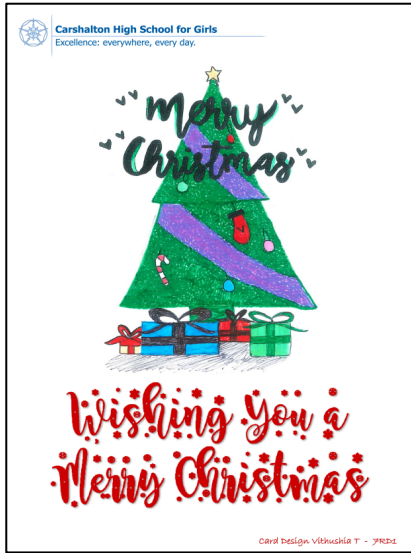
Many congratulations to our first Accelerated Reader word millionaires for this school year: **Angelina M** and **Sofia C**. To become a word millionaire, students need to pass Accelerated Reader quizzes on books which contain a total of over one million words. To reward them for their fantastic achievement, Angelina and Sofia were presented with a special badge and a stack of books. There will be further opportunities for more students to win prizes next term. Who'll be next?!

English Dept.



CHSG7, certainly contains some wonderful artistic talent. These three Christmas card designs, by **Abigail P** (7RD1), **Naomi B** (7RD1) and **Vithushia T** (7RD1) have all been selected to be used for the school Christmas cards. Well done Girls!

Art Department Christmas Card Competition



Golden Tickets Prize Draw!

All Golden Ticket winners had their names entered into a draw, as many times as they had tickets. The lucky winner drawn was number 56 which had been assigned to **Olivia R in 7RW1** who wins a £10 voucher. Well done Olivia!



Golden Ticket Podium Autumn 2

Well done to all our Golden Ticket winners. The three students on the podium this half term are...

1 st	Aleeza I	7HL1	14GT
2 nd	Zeena B	7RD3	12GT
	Chloe D	7PK2	12GT

Aleeza was awarded with a £10 voucher by Mr Devenney.



This week in history - 17th December 1903 – First aeroplane flies
Near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, Orville and Wilbur Wright made the first successful flight in history of a self-propelled, heavier-than-air aircraft. Orville piloted the gasoline-powered, propeller-driven biplane, which stayed aloft for 12 seconds and covered 120 feet on its inaugural flight.

FSM Christmas Vouchers

The government's 'Winter Support Grant' is funding free school meal vouchers for the Christmas school holiday period via the Local Authority (Sutton). The vouchers are for £30 to cover two weeks (Monday 21 December 2020– Friday 1 January 2021).

The £30 vouchers will be distributed using SchoolVouchers.com (also known as Wonde). Parents/carers have been sent an email from the school via School Comms to explain the process. If you haven't received your Christmas school holiday voucher(s) please contact us via fsm@girlslearningtrust.org and our finance team will assist you.

The local authority website contains further information on the support available during the COVID pandemic and can be visited here <https://www.sutton.gov.uk/covid-19>.

At CHSG we have a number of online learning platforms in place in order to support students to complete homework and remote home learning. We understand that when parents/carers look to buy or renew home computers it is useful to know the specifications required in order to run these school platforms. The minimum recommendation for home computers is below:

Component	Requirement
Computer and processor	Minimum 1.6 GHz (or higher), 2 core
Memory	4.0 GB RAM
Hard disk	3.0 GB of available disk space – I would recommend the largest size disk space they can afford.
Display	1024 x 768 screen resolution
Graphics hardware	Windows OS: Graphics hardware acceleration requires DirectX 9 or later, with WDDM 2.0 or higher for Windows 10 (or WDDM 1.3 or higher for Windows 10 Fall Creators Update)
Operating system	Windows 10, Windows 10 on ARM,
.NET version	Requires .NET 4.5 CLR or later
Video	USB 2.0 video camera
Devices	Standard laptop camera, microphone, and speakers

Child/Adolescent Wellbeing Service

This service under the umbrella of Sutton CAMHS recently ran a workshop for parents titled 'Parenting Teens in Times of Uncertainty'. The video for this workshop can be found here... <https://youtu.be/HcW-3Dnh9sI>

Beyond the Gates

The following information is passed to us by external agencies, and we pass it onto you should it be relevant, either now or in the future, for your family.

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