



21ST MARCH – 15TH APRIL 2016

"The Hills Are Alive With The Sound Of Fire Bells"

Parents will be aware that lessons have been disturbed by a series of fire bell alarms over the last few weeks. Almost all of these alarms were triggered by a software glitch in our alarm bell system. This issue has now been addressed by the company who maintains our system. We share your frustration on the length of time it has taken to resolve this issue.

However, the alarm was maliciously triggered last week by a student. This is a rare event in school as almost all of our students understand the seriousness of the alarm system. Needless to say, any student triggering the alarm needlessly is always punished with one of our most serious sanctions.

We thank you for your patience in this matter

Richard A. Jacobs
Headteacher

Assembly Theme	w/c 21 st Mar : Aspiration WEEK 1		
ELAs this week	Year 7: Music	Year 8: French	Year 9: French
Assembly Theme	w/c 11 th April : Respect WEEK 2		
ELAs this week	Year 7: DT	Year 8: Science	Year 9: English

CELEBRATION & ACHIEVEMENT

John Hume (9LO) will be taking part in a Palm Sunday Concert in aid of Worcester Eye Hospital on 20th March at Christ Church, Malvern (3:30-4:30), the only student performing 2 works written for solo violin as well as a Bartok Duo. The accomplished pianist Tim Sidford will also be among the performers at this prestigious concert.

Talented Chase students win prestigious prize in National CISCO Computer Science Competition

: On Wednesday 9th March, a group of Chase Year 8 & 9 students (Jacob Walker, Sam Johns, Joe Charrot and Adam Charrot) represented the "Rest of the UK" in the National Finals of the CISCO "LittleBigAwards" at CISCO Systems HQ in West London, having been crowned overall winners and beating 25 teams in a "Virtual Region" finals, conducted via Web Conference in February. 10 teams attended the National Finals in London, these being the winners of the regional finals from across the UK and from the Virtual Final (for all those in semi-rural counties not close to one of the regional finals).

Overall 250 schools from across the UK took part in this CISCO sponsored innovation competition that seeks to uncover high-tech talent, the goal of which was for students to work as a team with assistance from one or more Industry ambassadors to solve a Computing problem based on the Internet of Things; design develop and prototype a solution; build a business plan around the idea; and do a business presentation.

With support and guidance from STEM Ambassador James Smith, from QinetiQ, the students impressed the judges with their "Tweety Pi" creation, an internet enabled general purpose device written for the Raspberry Pi. Tweety Pi is attached to a letterbox, cupboard, catflap, gate or door, when its sensor is triggered it takes a picture using a connected camera which is then e-mailed or tweeted to a smartphone. Useful in particular for solutions involving young children, pets and elderly relatives, the judges were impressed with the idea, the business plan and the quality of their technical solution to the problem, which was the only one that was fully working and robust!

Narrowly missing out on the top prize, they were awarded a prize for the Best Submission in the

Technology, Research and Implementation category, a prestigious award which represents a tremendous achievement.

Mr J Palmer, Faculty Leader for IT & Business, said: "I am delighted at the success of our students in this competition, they have worked so hard and it is thoroughly deserved. It is also vital that we encourage both entrepreneurial spirit and Computer Science, because the creation of small to medium technology companies could well provide the key to the UK's future economic prosperity."

Science & Faith Weekend : Message received from Andrew Webb following students' involvement in the recent Malvern Science & Faith Weekend hosted at The Chase : "I wanted to thank you and the Chase School for hosting the opening session and the sessions on Saturday morning and afternoon of the recent weekend. We were delighted to be back at the Chase. We received a lot of help from Emily Smith and Bev Aston. The sixth form charity committee were excellent. They made my job a lot easier as I knew that they could be relied upon to handle any issues that might arise. I received many positive comments about them from the people attending. Even a post on Twitter"

Author visit : Ex-student and author Emma Carlisle hosted a workshop on writing and illustrating children's picture books on 3rd. March, World Book Day, attended by 17 students from Years 7-12 in the Chase Library. Lion Practice, Emma's first picture book, was published in July 2015 and was nominated for the 2016 Kate Greenaway Award. Bears at the Beach, Emma's second book, will be published in June 2016. The students involved enjoyed hearing about Emma's career to date, and then spent the rest of the morning working on picture book ideas and illustrations. It was wonderful to see the original artwork produced by our students and to have the opportunity to read their stories for young children. After much deliberation, Emma decided to award the overall prize to the author and illustrator of Little Block, Diana Hoyle and Charlotte Neville, with additional prizes being awarded to Isobel Farrer, Jamie Edwards, Gemma Bradbury and Phoebe Thomas.

The Chase has got talent : On Wednesday 16th March 9 fantastic acts took to the stage in The Chase has got talent, along with guest performances from the Barbershop, Fabian Sturman and Issy Chivers. Our judges (Mrs Daley, Ms de Blaeij, Mr Harrington and Dr Jennings) had the unenviable task of choosing the 4 top acts, but ultimately the audience chose Chloe Pitt (Year 7) as the winner of the show. Thank you to everyone who took part, worked behind the scenes, and to the staff who helped make the show a resounding success. We raised an incredible £596 for our nominated charities : Macmillan Cancer Support and Amnesty International. We hope that the legacy of the event will encourage further participation by students in events such as the talent show into the future. Who will you #Discover next year?

Congratulations to:

- Milo Elmes (10CO) and Matt Brookes (10BM) who have been selected for the U15 Football County Squad. They have been through a stringent trial process so a massive congratulations to them; keep up the hard work and good luck in the games.
- Sixth Form Charity Committee who have raised £507 so far for Sport Relief. Many thanks to everyone who has taken part wearing red and eating cake!
- Year 11 students -Senan McCullough, Alex Jackson, Lucy Colbourne and Issey Chivers – who performed 'Skyfall' and 'Defying Gravity' to the students at The Wells Primary School on 17th March. They were fantastic ambassadors for the school and thoroughly inspired the younger students and members of staff who were completely entranced.
- Year 10 Art GCSE pupils and Miss Blakeley who designed and set up the window display in the Malvern Bookshop for the launch of Mrs Levez's book "The Island"
- Mrs Brasche-Craven who gave birth to a beautiful baby girl on 15th March (Ella Josephine Gabrielle)
- Boys Year 8 football. They started the season with a thrilling 1-0 victory against Hanley Castle with Dylan Lippett showing a superb defensive performance, a 5-0 victory against Kings A (George Blannin was outstanding, dominating the midfield), followed

by a match against John Masefield where the team conceded their first goal of the season but managed to score 10! Luke Meredith and Dylan Jaff worked well to score and set up a lot of those goals. The local derby against Dyson Perrins saw another win, this time 3-0 with Gino Macey showing some outstanding touches on a difficult and bobbly pitch. Only five students have been mentioned in the report which is a shame as 23 have represented the A team this year, over 50 students have been to training and the B team have had fixtures against Kings B, winning 8-3 and also taking on the Year 7 A and B teams and giving them good fixtures to aid in their development. This is a great tribute to their hard work, respect for each other, resilience and aspiration they show as individual and as a team.

EVENTS 21ST MAR – 15TH APR 2016
EASTER HOLIDAYS 24TH MARCH – 11TH APRIL
PROGRESS REPORTS DUE HOME

Mon 21 st	Staff Christian Prayer Group 08:15 English Mocks Y12 AS Geography Residential Fieldtrip (Shropshire – returns Tuesday) A2 PE Conference @ Malvern College
Tues 22 nd	Rehearsals for Spring Music Concert Football U13/14/15/16 v Tewkesbury (A)
Weds 23 rd	LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM – Library closes at 3:00pm Spring Music Concert 7pm – Main Hall School Games – Mini-Tennis @ Manor Park AS Psychology Revision Conference @ Malvern College China trip leaves (returns 1 st April) Governors' Executive Committee
Thurs 24 th	TE DAY Chase Primary Inclusion Festival 10:00-12:00 (Sports Hall)
Fri 25 th	GOOD FRIDAY
Mon 11 th	TE DAY German Exchange leaves (returns 18 th April) Senior Boys Football – Worcestershire County Cup Final v Droitwich @ Bromsgrove F.C.4pm
Tues 12 th	1st DAY OF SUMMER TERM GCSE Art Exam
Weds 13 th	Chase Scuba Club (Theory) 3:15-4:15 Room H5
Thurs 14 th	GCSE Art Exam Headteacher's Commendations (6 th Form)
Fri 15 th	Y8 STEM visit to Qinetiq Chase Cluster Meeting (Sports) Chase Scuba Club 3:15-4:15 Malvern College Pool Chase Snorkel Club 3:15-4:15 Malvern College Pool

NOTICES

Sporting Results:

Sport	Team	Date	Opponent	Score	Player of the Match
County Hockey As Mixed Senior	Year 7a	8 th March	Tournament	4 th	Harriet Nagle
County Hockey – County Cup Semi-Final	Year 12/13	9 th March	Kings	2-0 WIN	Harry Pawson
County Hockey Bs	1 st Team	9 th March	Haybridge	3-2 WIN	Taine Lockhead / Eli Bray
	Year 7b	15 th March	Tournament	3 rd in pool	Ingrid McGill

Trip Payment Information : Payment should be made online using ParentPay as this is our preferred method of payment. If you require login details for this, please contact :
itsupport@chase.worcs.sch.uk or phone the Finance Office

- Italy Ski Trip 2017 – Deposit (There are still spaces available for this trip and the price has been reduced from £920 to £880) details from Mr Hood or the Finance Office
- Nassfeld Ski trip 2017 – Deposit required by Monday 22nd March. This trip is aimed at the current Year 8's only
- Sixth Form Biology trip to Pembrokeshire - 2nd instalment due 18th March
- Sailing Club subs
- Year 11 Hoodies (forms and payment must be received by 18th March to the Finance Office)
- Year 11 Prom Tickets (forms and payment must be received by 18th March to the Finance Office)
- Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition
- Duke of Edinburgh Gold Expedition

Ski 2017 : The ski trip 2017 to Nassfeld Austria has now been launched to the current year 8 students. It a fantastic experience with six days skiing, five hours a day, coach transport to and in resort, insurance, evening activities, 3 meals a day, skis, boots and helmet provided. The trip is open to all students regardless of previous skiing experience and ability. The cost of the trip is £855, payable in instalments. The deposit is £90, which can be done on parent pay, cheque or cash to Mrs Bridges in the finance office. Should parents require any further information please contact Mr Kelly or Mr Thomas in the PE department. The booking office will close on Tuesday 22nd March 2016.

Music Department : Spring Concert

Taking place on Wednesday 23rd March at 7.00pm in the Main Hall : Dance group, Orchestra, Choirs, Song Club, Jazz, Solo Items, Small Ensembles, Brass Group. Free entry, retiring collection

Plea for parents: WRITE FOR REAL celebrates OPTIONS: Literacy in Careers. We are in the process of planning a careers / literacy / *Write for Real* day in July that focuses on showing Year 10 pupils how important literacy is, both written and verbal, for real jobs in the real world. We know that you, the parents, have interesting careers that involve excellent communication skills. Weather Presenter? Broadcaster? Journalist? Artist? Landscape Designer? The list is endless.

If you could spare any time on Friday 15th July, and would like to get involved, please let me know! The children of Malvern need you. **Sarah Dukes (Teacher of English)**
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HOST FAMILIES STILL NEEDED : Chernobyl Children's Life Line is looking for host families for this year's holiday in Malvern. 10 children (age 10- 11) living in the area affected by the Chernobyl disaster will be here for a health boosting trip from June 8th – July 6th. During the children's stay activities are planned for the group for 3 -5 days/week and they stay with host families, in pairs, for 2 weeks. If you are interested in helping as a host family (or can offer support in other ways eg driving, fundraising, family support) please contact Ruth Lucas (01684 566750, info@cowleighparkfarm.co.uk) or Dorothy Knights (01684 561358, dorothyknights@waitrose.com). Over the last ten years 100 children from Belarus have benefitted from this opportunity and it has also proved to be a worthwhile experience for many Malvern area families who have been their hosts. These families sometimes have children of their own at home but often not, and hosts of any age are welcomed!

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