



Headteacher's Comment:

Chase High School proudly celebrated International Women's Day (8 March) this week, a global occasion that highlights the achievements and contributions of women across all sectors of society. To honour this special day, pupils and female staff were gifted daffodils, symbolising resilience, new beginnings and hope. The daffodils serve as a meaningful gesture to enjoy personally or to share with inspirational women in their lives, recognising the positive impact they have made.

British author Malorie Blackman, stated, "We are all human beings, and we all have the same rights." We also celebrated World Book Day this week, reminding us of the importance of literature in promoting equality and understanding. Books can inspire change and broaden our perspectives, ensuring our pupils strive to become upstanding members of the community.

Let us continue to uplift and support one another, not just on International Women's Day, but every day of the year. [#ProudToBeChase](#)

International Women's Day

Chase High School proudly commemorates International Women's Day with a series of events aimed at celebrating the invaluable contributions of women throughout history. Each day this week began with an assembly that highlighted the significance of gender equality and the achievements of women who have paved the way for future generations. This year, we focus on inspiring women who, despite their remarkable accomplishments, remain largely unrecognised by society.

In the classroom, pupils have participated in various activities centred around International Women's Day. Lessons are enriched with discussions about their struggles and triumphs, encouraging pupils to appreciate the diverse experiences of women across different cultures and eras. This educational approach not only broadens the pupils' understanding but also inspires them to think critically about the role of women in shaping our world.

Additionally, in a heartfelt gesture of appreciation, pupils have been given the opportunity to select a woman who inspires them. They were invited to present her with a bouquet of daffodils, symbolising respect and admiration. This personal initiative fosters a sense of gratitude and recognition, reinforcing the importance of celebrating influential women, both past and present, in our community.



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Southend Makes Music:

On Tuesday evening, 50 pupils from our Elite Performing Arts Academy graced the stage at the Palace Theatre as part of the Southend Makes Music concerts. The first number was a percussion piece that pupils performed with a gloved syncopation dance, whilst singing 'Something inside so strong' by Labi Siffre. Pupils then performed 'I believe' by Mark Miller, which showcased pupils' skills with an angelic performance and delightful harmonies. Pupils then finished with Elton John's 'I'm still standing'. The pupils took the theatre by storm, we are so proud of their achievements, courage and dedication to perform!



World Book Week:

To celebrate World Book Week this year, the library has been a hive of activity. Our Librarians have been running a cake sale selling sweet bags, cakes and popcorn to raise awareness and money for the library, plus, there has been book related competitions taking place all around the school.



There is a short story competition for which entries are still open, the story must be 50 words or less and can be about absolutely anything! There is also a scavenger hunt for "keyholes into other worlds" that have been put up around the school in each department. The keyholes depict a scene or landscape that is recognisable as being from a well-known book. Pupils need to find all the keyholes and figure out what books they are from, and find the key in the same department, which has a quote from the book that they also need to write down on their sheet. Once they have collected all of the book titles and quotations, they need to bring their filled out sheets to the library. If they have guessed all the book titles correctly, they will be entered into a draw for a mystery prize!

In addition, we have Seth Burkett, an author and ex-footballer coming into the school on Friday 25 April for the whole day to work with our Year 7 and 8 pupils and sign copies of his books!



Year 9 Immunisations:

The School Immunisation Team will be visiting Chase High School on Wednesday 26 March and Thursday 27 March 2025 to administer Year 9 Diphtheria, Tetanus & Polio and Meningitis ACWY vaccinations. A letter and consent form are being sent home with pupils today. Please ensure consent forms are returned to pupils' tutors by **Friday 14 March**.

Year 10 Curriculum Evening – Thursday 13 March:

Year 10 are moving into a very important time in their academic career, which will be increasingly busy and sometimes stressful for both pupils and parents. With this in mind, we would like to invite you to attend a Curriculum Evening on **Thursday 13 March 2025 from 17.00 to 19.00**. This is an important event, which is designed to communicate the expectations and challenges of the year ahead and provide strategies that will enable you to best support your child at home. A letter with more information and details of the event has been sent home and can be found on our **school website**.

[Click here to reserve a place for the event.](#)





Sports Round Up:

Congratulations to our Year 9 Netball team for their impressive win of 9 - 4 against Westcliff High School for Girls. On Wednesday evening, the Year 7 Girls Indoor Athletics Team travelled to Lee Valley Athletics Centre to compete in the qualifying rounds of Schools Cup. The girls displayed some outstanding performances, resulting in them qualifying for the final! A big well done to Beth for coming 2nd in High Jump, breaking the existing school record, and to Olivia for coming 2nd in 200m. Amelia broke the school record in the 60m sprint. Congratulations to the whole team for qualifying – Good luck in the final!



The following extra-curricular sports clubs are not taking place next week:

Year 7 & 8 Girls Rugby (Year 9,10 and 11 will still be on)

Trampolining

Year 9 Boys Football

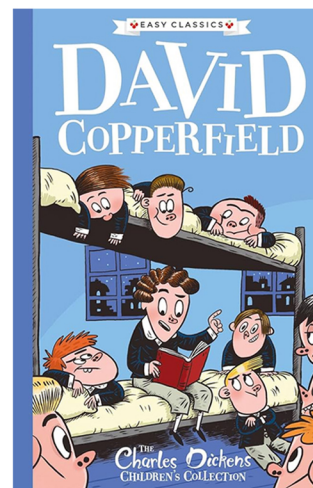


Book of the Week!

David Copperfield (Sweet Cherry Classics version)

Age recommendation: 9+

Short synopsis: David's father is dead and his mother is getting married to the meanest man in the country who sends him away to a terrible school. The only happily ever afters David knows are in his books. Can he rewrite his own ending?



Pupil Review:

“Every chapter got more and more interesting as the story went on. I found it interesting to learn about his life and how he was treated. I wanted to read it again as soon as I finished it. It’s one of my favourite books I’ve ever read.” - Ella, Year 7.



Parent/Carer Meeting 13 February 2025:

I am aware that a number of parents and carers were unable to attend the recent meeting where I discussed the recent Ofsted visit. Therefore, before Easter, I will be publishing an overview of the meeting. In the presentation, I spoke about how we, as a school, are already addressing several of the concerns raised and how the safety of all pupils is, and always has been, our priority at Chase High School. Additionally, once formatted for ease of reading, I will publish the action plan that was created as soon as the Ofsted visit concluded.

Mr Suttwood



Dates for your Diary:

10.03.25- 14.03.25 LORIC Week

26.03.25/27.03.25 Year 9 Immunisation

12.03.25 Year 8 Take Your Child to Work Day

27.03.25 Year 7 Parents' Evening

13.03.25 Allsorts Roadshow

13.03.25 Year 10 Curriculum and Community Evening 17.00-19.00



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