



CHEL TENHAM MUSCAT *Connected*

Thursday, 20th November 2025

ISSUE #11



It was a great pleasure to welcome so many members of our school community here today to celebrate National Day, a day that holds deep pride and meaning for everyone in the Sultanate.

Today, we came together not only to commemorate the remarkable history of this nation, but also to honour its continued journey of progress, unity, and vision. National Day is a reminder of the dedication, leadership, and spirit that have shaped Oman into the proud and peaceful country we admire today.

At Cheltenham Muscat, we are privileged to be part of this journey. Our school brings together students from a huge variety of backgrounds, yet we stand united under the values that Oman represents; respect, resilience, compassion, and ambition. These values inspire our students to grow not only academically, but as global citizens who appreciate culture, heritage, and community.

Today's celebration is an opportunity for us to reflect on the past, celebrate the present, and look forward with optimism to the bright future ahead. It is also a moment to appreciate the traditions, music, food, and cultural expressions that make Oman so unique.

I would like to thank Ms Al Sabti and her team for organising such a vibrant morning of activities and to those members of our community who gave their time or resources to make today possible.

On behalf of Cheltenham Muscat, I wish you all a joyous and memorable National Day celebration.

Richard Snape
Principal

EVENT CALENDAR -

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
23 Grade 10 IGCSE - Visit to a Printing Press	24 1:00pm Grade 5 Maths Tournament: Final 3:15 PM G7-8 Parent Teacher Evening and Options Information Evening	25  Sports Day	26 School Holiday	27 School Holiday		
30 17:45pm CAT 4 Information Session	1  Sports Day 7:40am Meet the Vice Principal	2 December 7:40am Meet the Head of Pre-prep	3 7:40am Meet the Head of Prep School 7:40am Pre Prep Arabic Workshop	4 2:00am Stone Age Day	5	6
7 Grade 4 Residential Trip- Green Mountain	8 Grade 4 Residential Trip- Green Mountain	9 Grade 5 Residential Trip- Nizwa Grade 6- Residential Trip to Sifah	10 Grade 5 Residential Trip- Nizwa Grade 6- Residential Trip to Sifah	11 Grade 5 Residential Trip- Nizwa Grade 6- Residential Trip to Sifah Trip: G1 Butterflies & Dragonflies Roman Showcase - G4		
12	13	14	15	16		

Parents Can Attend

Holidays

Non-uniform Days

*Dates and times are subject to change

Sports Day

25th November 2025

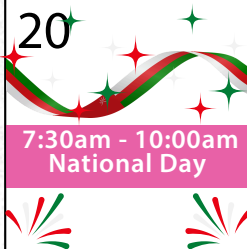
- 8:00-10:00 am Lower Prep
- 12:00-3:00 pm Upper Prep and Seniors.

1st December 2025

Ministry visit with film crew

- 8:00- 10:00 am - Pre Prep

SPORT CALENDAR – NOVEMBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2 - U12 Girls MSSL Volleyball @ TAISM - U12 Boys MSSL Volleyball @ ABA	3 - U14 Girls MSSL Volleyball @ TAISM - U9 Girls Benchball Tournament @ CHM - U11 Girls Benchball Tournament @ CHM	4 - U13 Boys MSSL Volleyball @ BSM - U9 Boys Skittleball Tournament @ CHM - U11 Boys Skittleball Tournament @ CHM	5	6	7	8
9 U9 Boys Football Tournament @ ISO	10 U9 Girls Skittleball Tournament @ RGS	11 U9 Boys Benchball Tournament @ AGS	12 U11 Girls Skittleball Tournament @ RGS	13	14	15
16 - U15 Boys Football v KGIS - U19 Boys Football v KGIS - U13 Girls Netball v KGIS	17 U11 Boys Benchball Tournament @ AGS	18	19	20  7:30am - 10:00am National Day	21	22
23 - U11A&B Boys Football v MISO (H) - U9A&B Boys Football v MISO (H)	24	25  Sports Day	26	27	28	29
30 - U11 Boys Football v KGIS (H) - U12 Boys Football v KGIS (H)	1  Sports Day PRE-PREP SPORTS DAY U19 Boys Football MSSL Tournament @ TSS U9-U11 Girls Swimming @ ISC	2 - U13 Boys Football v Al Sahwa (H) - U9-U11 Boys Swimming @ ISC	3	4	5	6

December

Sports Day

25th November 2025

➤ 8:00-10:00 am Lower Prep

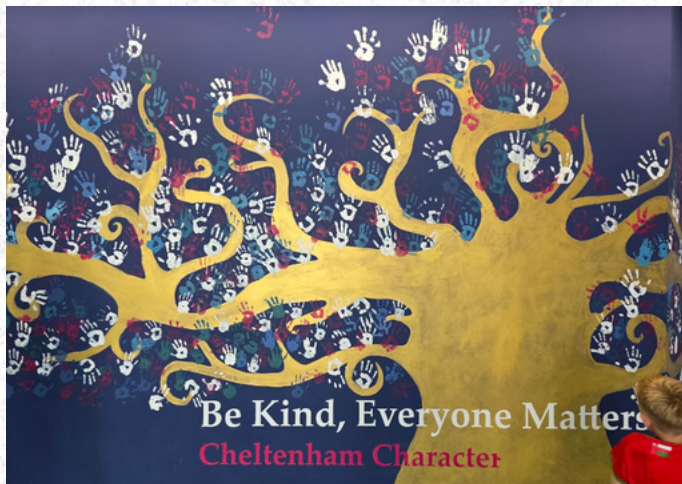
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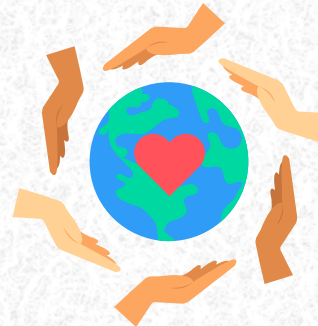
Ministry visit with film crew

➤ 8:00- 10:00 am - Pre Prep

Carnival of the World



Cheltenham Muscat and the PTA are thrilled to announce our very first "Carnival of the World"! 🌍🎉



In January 2026, we are planning for a chance to come together as a community and celebrate the rich diversity that makes Cheltenham Muscat so special. The Carnival of the World will be a family-friendly festival evening, packed with food, fun, and activities from across the globe—perfect for children of all ages. As soon as we confirm final approval from the Ministry of Education we will let you know the exact date.

We warmly invite parents to volunteer to run a stall, with the support of students and teachers, to showcase your culture or nationality. Stalls could feature games, crafts, activities, or traditional foods. If you'd like to be involved but aren't sure what to offer, our PTA are more than happy to offer suggestions (please contact them at ptacgeldenhammuscat@gmail.com). We will be happy to put you in touch with other families and teachers so that you can work together as a team.

If you're excited to participate, please complete this form: [Parent International Day Stall](#).

We are also on the lookout for local vendors and performers who would like to be part of this vibrant celebration. If you would like your business or talent to be featured, please complete this form: [Vendor Application](#)

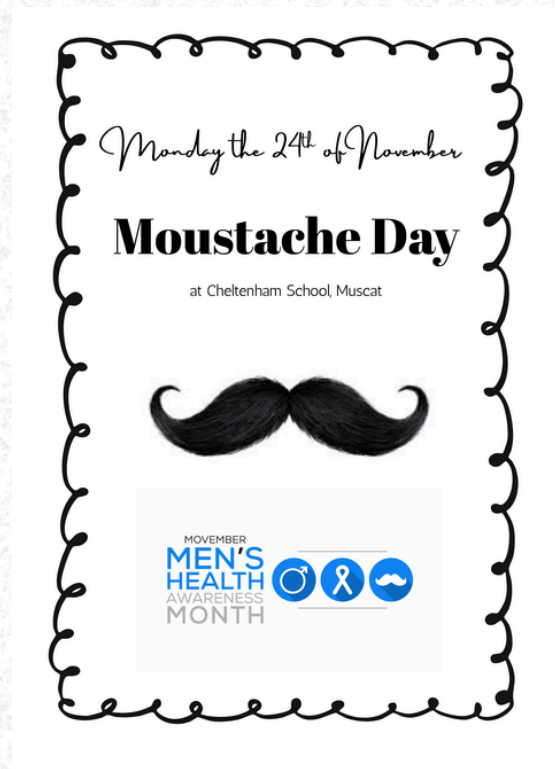
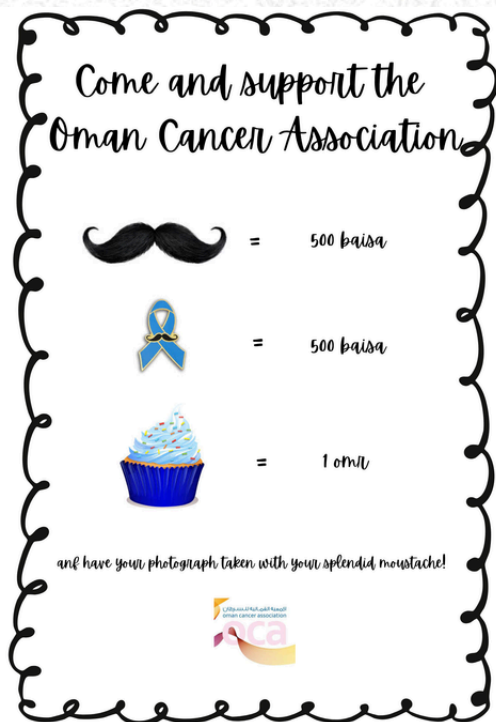
Let's make the Carnival of the World an unforgettable celebration of our community!



November

Help us to raise awareness of men's mental health issues and men's cancers by wearing a moustache all day!

On Monday the 24th of November, the Charity Club ECA will be selling stick-on moustaches, badges and cupcakes. All the money raised will go to the Oman Cancer Association.



Sign of Change - Grade 9

Students in 9.3 have recently presented their "Sign of Change" project to the seniors during assembly. They have conducted a 6 week long project, which researched if signs could encourage staff and students to be more proactive in turning their lights and smart boards off when not in use. Following this, these students are beginning cycle 2 of their research, which will first involve presenting their findings to all staff.





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Student Medical Forms

2025–2026 

Submit Now!

Clinic: Student Medical Form 2025–2026

Keeping accurate health records is important to ensure our students' well-being at school.

Please complete the

[Medical Form 2025 - 2026](#) and send it to nurse@cheltenhammuscat.com at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for supporting our efforts to maintain a healthy school community, and we appreciate those who have already submitted the form.

Student Spotlight: Echoes of Heritage



By Dura , Grade 10B — 1st Place Winner of the TEDx Art Competition

We are proud to celebrate Dura, whose artwork *Echoes of Heritage* earned first place in the TEDx art competition. Her piece honours the strength and identity of Omani women and their deep connection to heritage.

Dura used modelling paste to create a textured background inspired by traditional Omani houses, blending artistic technique with cultural symbolism. Through this work, she beautifully highlights how tradition and art are intertwined, and how Omani heritage continues to shape our identity even today.

Congratulations to Dura on this outstanding achievement!



Music Trip to Malaysia

The Music department at Cheltenham Muscat is organising an educational music trip to Malaysia in June 2026. This trip will provide an opportunity for our musicians to perform various concerts in Kuala Lumpur. The trip is open to students from Grade 6 and above. Please register your interest by clicking on the QR code. For further information please contact Mr Peter phawksworth@cheltenhammuscat.com



CLICK HERE

Grade 10/12 Mock Exams

Students in the Grade 10 iGCSE and Grade 12 International A-level cohorts will have their mock exams in the week commencing 30th November. The exams will take place in the Sports Hall so students also get used to exam conditions under which they will be working during their final exams. More details on the exams are sent via emails.



History Castle Competition

Grade 6 students took part in creating their own Motte and Bailey castles after learning about 1066. Students created their own models using resources found at home. I would like to thank and congratulate all students for the amazing effort they put into their work. In assembly this week prizes were given to the top 3 which were judged by the humanities team.



1st - Daniela Jimenez Sanchez

2nd - Mohammed Hamoodat

3rd - Pavel Tikhonov

Updated Mobile Phone Policy

Following some recent feedback we have decided to review our mobile phone policy to ensure that it is in line with best practice and Omani legislation. Our expectations remain the same, but we have made changes to the in-school consequences. We ask that parents support this policy and prevent their child(ren) from bringing their mobile phones to school.



Expectations

Students must not bring mobile phones to school.

If a phone is genuinely needed for travel or safety reasons, it must be handed in to reception or the Phase Leader at the start of the day and collected at home time.

Any phone seen or heard during the school day (between 7:30am and 3:00pm) will be treated as a breach of the zero-tolerance policy.

After 15:00 phones can be collected and used briefly in the atrium to contact parents/drivers, beyond this staff will instruct student to put their phones away.

Rationale

Being phone free helps everyone focus on learning. It keeps everyone safe online and in school and makes school a friendly, distraction-free place for all students.

Exceptions

Should there be a particular reason that a student requires a phone in school (e.g. monitoring blood sugar levels for diabetes) the parents should inform the phase leader by email who will ensure that all staff are aware of the specific conditions of this exception.

Consequences

Incident	First Occurrence	Second Occurrence in the Same Academic Year	Third Occurrence in the Same Academic Year
A student is seen with a phone during the school day (07:30 – 15:00).	Phone is collected but the member of staff until the end of the school day when it will be returned to the student either by the member of staff or reception.	Phone collected but the member of staff and reception contact home to tell parents that they will need to collect the phone in person (or send a nominated adult) before 4:00pm.	Phone collected but the member of staff and reception contact home to tell parents that they will need to collect the phone in person (or send a nominated adult) before 4:00pm. Parent meeting with phase leader.
Persistent disregard for the policy or serious misuse (e.g., recording, sharing content, refusal to follow confiscation instruction, using phone to order talabat)	Internal suspension. Phone collected but the member of staff until a parent can collect it and meet with SLT. Student placed on a behaviour contract stating that any future incident will lead to escalation.		

The GED students will have their second short test during November–December. Due to the announced public holiday on the 26th and 27th of November, we have adjusted the timetable as follows:

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TERM 2

Entry Point -TRIP

6th and 7th January 2026



Dear Parents,

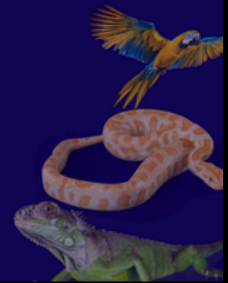
In Term Two, we will begin a concept-based inquiry, "Secrets of the Rainforest," exploring how the rainforest functions as a community. Students will consider questions such as:

- What makes a community?
- Why is being part of a community important?

To support this learning, we are planning an informative session at **Play and Drift**, where students can learn about rainforest animals and interact with them. After the session, they will have the opportunity to play together on site, and we will also have lunch there.

Kind regards,

Grade Three Team

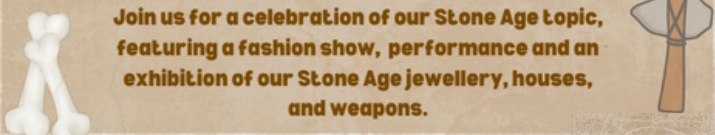




STEP INTO THE STONE AGE

Thursday 4th December
Theatre
2.00 pm

Join us for a celebration of our Stone Age topic,
featuring a fashion show, performance and an
exhibition of our Stone Age jewellery, houses,
and weapons.







STONE AGE COSTUME INSPO

Stone Age Showcase
Thursday 4th December



ACADEMIC YEAR CALENDAR 2025/26

August 2025

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February 2026

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March 2026

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April 2026

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May 2026

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June 2026

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July 2026

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Key

- Start of Term
- Last Day of Term
- School Holidays
- External Examination Result Days
- Staff Training Days (No Pupils in school)

Notes

- Total teaching days: 183
- Term 1 = 74 days
- Term 2 = 49 days
- Term 3 = 60 days