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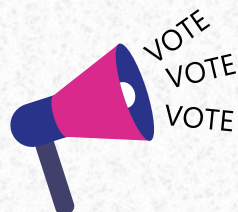
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Last week we opened the online voting process to select our first ever Cheltenham Muscat Parent Governor. This position provides the opportunity for a member of our parent body to support the strategic aims of the school through working with other members of the governing body on all aspects of our provision and operations. The final two candidates were nominated by parents earlier in the year, are both proactive supporters of the school and would both bring notable experience and expertise to our team. You can view their overview statements and vote for your preferred candidate using the link below.

Richard Snape
Principal



[CLICK HERE TO VOTE NOW](#)





Parent Governor



Earlier in the year we sought applicants to become our the first Parent Governor of Cheltenham Muscat. Below you will see the profiles of the two candidates who are seeking to be appointed to this position. Please consider the merits of each applicant and [use this form to vote](#) for whichever you feel would be best suited to the position.



Message from a Parent Governor Nominee **Mr. Patrick Tranter**

I am keen to use my experience in business as well as a parent to help the school achieve its goals. I have lived in Oman for 11 years and it has become home and I would like to give back to the community by helping the school develop and be seen as the number 1 school in Oman.

I am a senior executive of a large internal publicly listed company and I believe this skill set would be beneficial. I am originally from the UK have have lived in Oman for 11 years so I have a good understanding of the Omani culture. I am also very passionate about helping the school my son attends (and the school my daughter will attend next academic year) become the best place to educate children in Oman.



Message from a Parent Governor Nominee

Mrs Satu Raitala

We are a Cheltenham founding family in Muscat. We have been part of the school's development, and have followed the changes and improvements that the school has gone through so far. I believe that whilst it is taking big steps in the right direction, there is still work to do , and with my broad educational and pedagogical background, as well as my long-term experience as a Cheltenham parent, I can be an asset to the Governing Board in creating future strategy. I believe in the school's ethos and want it to be a desirable place for both local and international pupils to come and learn at. And even more importantly, I wish to see it as a place where quality teachers want to remain teaching and bringing their best or the pupils.

Before becoming an expat parent, I worked as a teacher in Finland, and have managed educational improvement projects at national and EU levels in the UK and in Finland. This experience has given me a broad horizon to a variety of educational and pedagogical challenges and solutions, which I believe to be an asset to the Governing body in discussing the educational performance of the school.

I have strong interpersonal skills and am an effective communicator. I don't shy away from difficult conversations but am a keen team player and am able to find solutions that will suit multiple stakeholders.

As a project manager, I am fully budget literate, and will be able to identify projects where money is well spent.

I am not in full-time employment so I am free and able to attend meetings and to visit the school during working hours, as well as evening times. I am a keen learner and a diligent doer and will take any role seriously that I am trusted with.



EVENT CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		Eid Holidays				
31	1	2	3 • Move Up Day from KG1 till G6	4 • KG Splash Morning	5	6 WRO National Olympiad 2026-
7 3:00 PM Musical Performance - Tunes Academy Students	8	9 SLT Coffee Morning: Meet the Head of Prep School	10 • Move Up Day from KG1 till G6 4:00 PM Creative Arts Exhibition	11	12 Choir Trip to Malaysia	13 Choir Trip to Malaysia
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Choir Trip to Malaysia						
7:45AM Welcome to G1 -Parents 	7:45AM Welcome to Lower Prep Parents Meeting 3:30 PM Art Showcase	7:45AM Welcome to Upper Prep -Parents Meeting 	• Move Up Day from KG1 till G6 1:30 GRADE 5 End of Year Show Case-Parents 5:00 PM G10 graduation	5:00 PM G12 Graduation 		

Parents Can Attend Holidays Non-uniform Days Meet the SLT

*Dates and times are subject to change



School Photograph Distribution Update


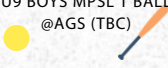








We are pleased to inform you that we have received the school photographs as per your orders. We will begin distributing them to the form tutors, who will then hand them to the students.

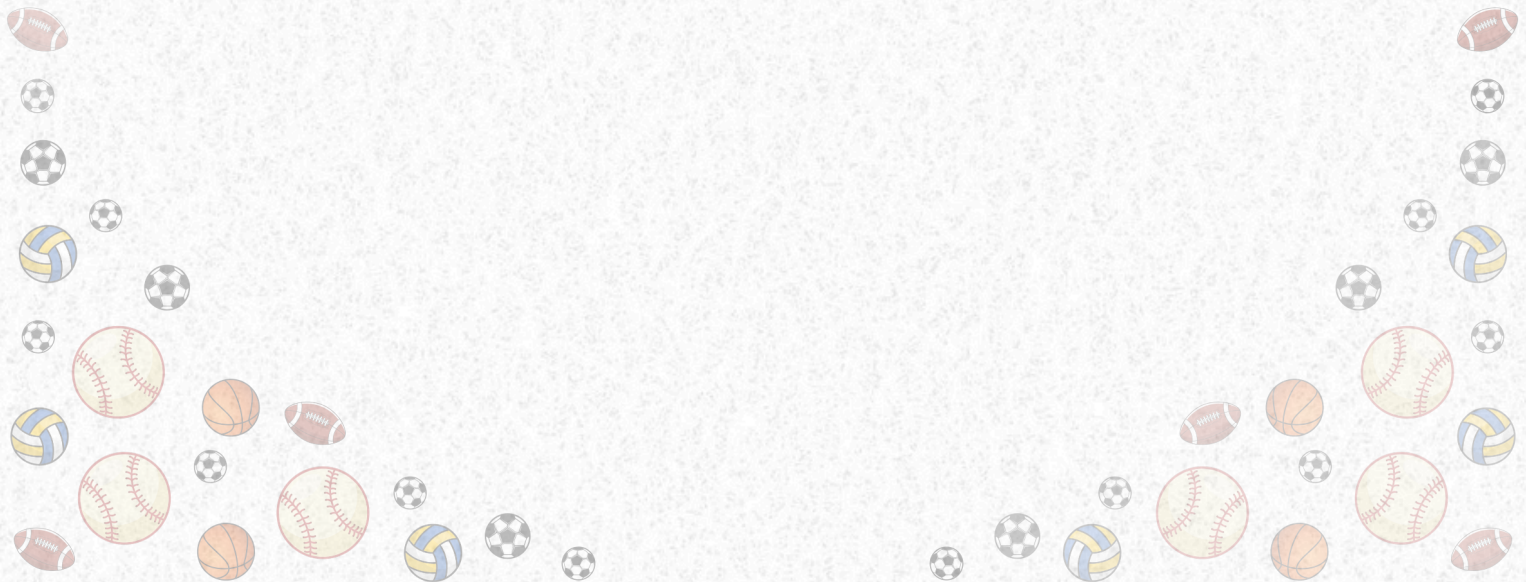
For siblings, the photographs will be given to the older sibling to take home. For younger students, the photographs will be placed carefully in their bags.

Thank you for your patience and support.



SPORT CALENDAR MAY 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1	2
U9 GIRLS MPST T BALL @AGS (TBC)  3		U9 BOYS MPST T BALL @AGS (TBC)  SENIOR GIRLS SWIM MEET @ CHM  5	SENIOR BOYS SWIM MEET @ CHM  6	7	8	9
10	U11 GIRLS MPST MINI VOLLEYBALL @ SAPS  11	U14 BOYS AND U14 GIRLS BASKETBALL @ ABA  12	U11 BOYS MPST MINI VOLLEYBALL @ SAPS  13	14	15	16
17	18	U14 GIRLS BASKETBALL @ISC  19	U13 BOYS BASKETBALL @ISC  20	21	22	23
U11 SWIM MEET @ CHM  24	25	<h2>Eid Holiday</h2>			29	30





Grade 9 Exams and Study Leave

From the 31st May until 7th June, students in Grade 9 will have a series of exams. During this time, students will be on study leave which means they are only required to come into school when they have an exam. Should they wish to revise at school, they are welcome to study in the Library. Mr Davies has sent out the exam timetable and related information separately via e-mail.

Grade 10 Graduation and iGCSE Results day

The Grade 10 Graduation will take place here at school between 5pm and 6:45pm on Wednesday 17th June. Following the graduation ceremony, there will be a buffet and opportunity to capture memories with a photobooth. Each student is able to invite 3 guests by registering themselves and their guests using the QR Code below. Please note that students have until 4th June to



claim their tickets – any unclaimed tickets at that point will be reallocated on a first come, first served basis. The iGCSE results day will take place at 11am on Thursday 20th August in the Senior Atrium where Mr Davies, Mr Watson and the Senior Leadership Team will be on hand to celebrate your achievements and support with any queries you may have. If you are unable to collect your results in person, these can be requested by e-mailing examofficer@cheltenhammuscat.com from 1pm.



Grade 12 Graduation and Results day



The Grade 12 Graduation will take place here at school between 5pm and 6:45pm on Thursday 18th June. After the formal graduation ceremony there will be finger food and live music to enjoy. Each student is able to invite 9 guests and can collect their tickets from reception until 4th June. After this date, any unclaimed tickets will be reallocated on a first come, first served basis.

The International A-level results day will take place at 11am on Thursday 13th August in the Senior Atrium where Mr Davies, Ms Jalala and the Senior Leadership Team will be on hand to celebrate your achievements and support with any queries you may have. If you are unable to collect your results in person, these can be requested by e-mailing examofficer@cheltenhammuscat.com from 1pm.



UKMT Maths Challenge Results

We are delighted to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our students in this year's UKMT Junior Maths Challenge. This nationally recognised competition encourages mathematical reasoning, problem-solving, and perseverance, and our students have once again demonstrated exceptional talent and dedication.

A special thanks goes to Ms Dennis who has organised all the challenges this year as well as running the UKMT ECA after school which has helped contribute towards the outstanding results.

We would also like to acknowledge all students who took part in the challenge. Competing at this level is an achievement, and your commitment to engaging with challenging mathematical problems reflects the strong learning culture within our school.

A final congratulations for the students who achieved a Bronze, Silver or Gold. Your hard work, resilience, and enthusiasm for mathematics have truly stood out, and you should be very proud of your accomplishments.

Certificate achievements:



Gold

- Hrehaan (BEST IN SCHOOL)
- Jemima (BEST IN GRADE 6)
- Rosha
- Sara





UKMT Maths Challenge Results

Certificate achievements:



Silver

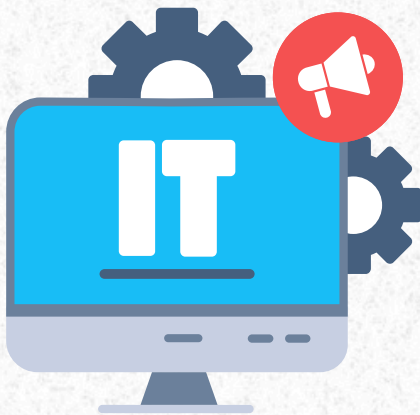
- Ali Husayn (BEST IN GRADE 7)
- Ammar
- Adnan
- Mohammed



Bronze

- Ali
- Ali
- Aayat
- Amani
- Quixian
- Daniah
- Fatima
- Atharva
- Ali
- Yousef
- Dylan
- Ameera
- Ali

IT Support Communication Update



All IT-related communications, including issues and requests, should be sent via our dedicated helpdesk email: helpdesk@cheltenhammuscat.com. This is a ticketing system designed to improve communication between the school IT department and parents, ensuring that all queries are tracked and responded to efficiently. This will be the only channel for IT-related communication.

G10 Arabic B GCSE Writing Exam – Change of Time

Please note that the Arabic B GCSE Writing Exam for G10 students will now take place on Tuesday, 2 June at 4:30 pm in the Career Hub, instead of the previously announced time and location.

We wish all students the very best in their exam.



Exclusive Summer Library Access for Re-enrolled Students

We are thrilled to announce that our library shelves will remain open throughout the summer holidays for students who have confirmed their seats and paid the 2026/2027 tuition fees. This exclusive privilege allows you to keep the pages turning all break long!

Don't let your Around the World in 80 Days journey come to a halt. Pick your next great adventure and enjoy our summer borrowing programme.

Please note: The library policy of 2025/2026 remains in effect for all summer loans. Find it in the link. ([Click Here](#)).

PRE-PREP LIBRARY

**PLEASE RETURN
LIBRARY BOOKS
BY JUNE 1ST**

WILSON LIBRARY

**LIBRARY SESSIONS
WILL CONTINUE
WHILE WE COMPLETE
OUR END-OF-YEAR
INVENTORY**

**THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART
OF OUR READING JOURNEY!**

For more information, please contact:
schoollibrary@cheltenhammuscat.com



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Virtual Summer School

Free opportunity for 2027 graduates

Monday 13 July - Wednesday 15 July 2026

- Learn new skills such as academic writing and researching
- Enjoy two hours of **interactive, live sessions** each day
- Experience **university** taster sessions
- Complete your own **mini-project**



You'll receive a
university
certificate for
attending!

! Spaces are limited! Apply by Monday 6 July.

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Humanities



UNIVERSITY OF
BIRMINGHAM

Biomedical
Sciences



UNIVERSITY OF
ABERDEEN

Business and
Economics



UNIVERSITY OF
DERBY

Criminology, Law
and Psychology

University of
HUDDERSFIELD
Inspiring global professionals

Engineering



UNIVERSITY OF
LIVERPOOL

Choose your
favourite subject
and apply here!





GED Semester 2 Final Exams!

As communicated earlier this week, the GED examination schedule for private schools has been circulated by the Ministry of Education. Please find the translated version below.

Day	Date	Subject	Time		Duration
			From	Until	
Thursday	04/06/2026	English Language Skills (in school)	08:00 AM	11:00 PM	3-hours
Sunday	07/06/2026	PE (in school)	11:00 AM	01:00 PM	2-hours
Thursday	11/06/2026	Basic Math	08:00 AM	11:00 AM	3-hours
Sunday	14/06/2026	Arabic Language	08:00 AM	11:00 AM	3-hours
Monday	15/06/2026	English Language	08:00 AM	11:00 AM	3-hours
Sunday	21/06/2026	Physics	08:00 AM	11:00 AM	3-hours
Monday	22/06/2026	Islamic Studies	08:00 AM	11:00 AM	3-hours
Tuesday	23/06/2026	Economy	08:00 AM	10:00 AM	2-hours
Sunday	28/06/2026	Social Studies	08:00 AM	11:00 AM	3-hours

Wishing our dear students the very best of luck in their final exams!



Academy Events

Summer Programmes at Cheltenham Muscat (Girls & Boys)

IVY Camps USA are back at Cheltenham Muscat this summer.

Passionate about shaping the leaders of tomorrow by inspiring campers to explore new passions, embrace challenges, and grow with confidence. IVY Camps USA summer camps are designed to spark curiosity, build essential skills, and make learning exciting through fun!

Camp Language: English

SUMMER CAMP

CHELTHENHAM MUSCAT
IVY CAMPS USA

Register Today!

Location: Cheltenham Muscat

**You do not have to be a Cheltenham Muscat student to attend this program. This program is open to all.*

Dates: Weekly camp sessions from June 28 – July 9, 2026

Camp Days: Sunday – Thursday

Time: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Price: 135 OMR per week

Ages 6 – 14: Led by Ivy Camps USA instructors from top US universities

Additional Information: Campers and staff will be mixed gender

Our Instructors:

Our instructors are from top universities in the USA. Below is a representative sample:

-  **Maheen I.**
Yale University
-  **Nicolas C.**
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
-  **Caterina D.**
Brown University

CAMP OPTIONS:

- Week 1: June 28 – July 2**
 - Option 1: Build Your Own Business
 - Option 2: Engineering: Game Design and Escape Rooms
- Week 2: July 5 – 9**
 - Option 1: Launch Your Own Podcast
 - Option 2: Big Choices, Brave Voices: Making Decisions as a Leader



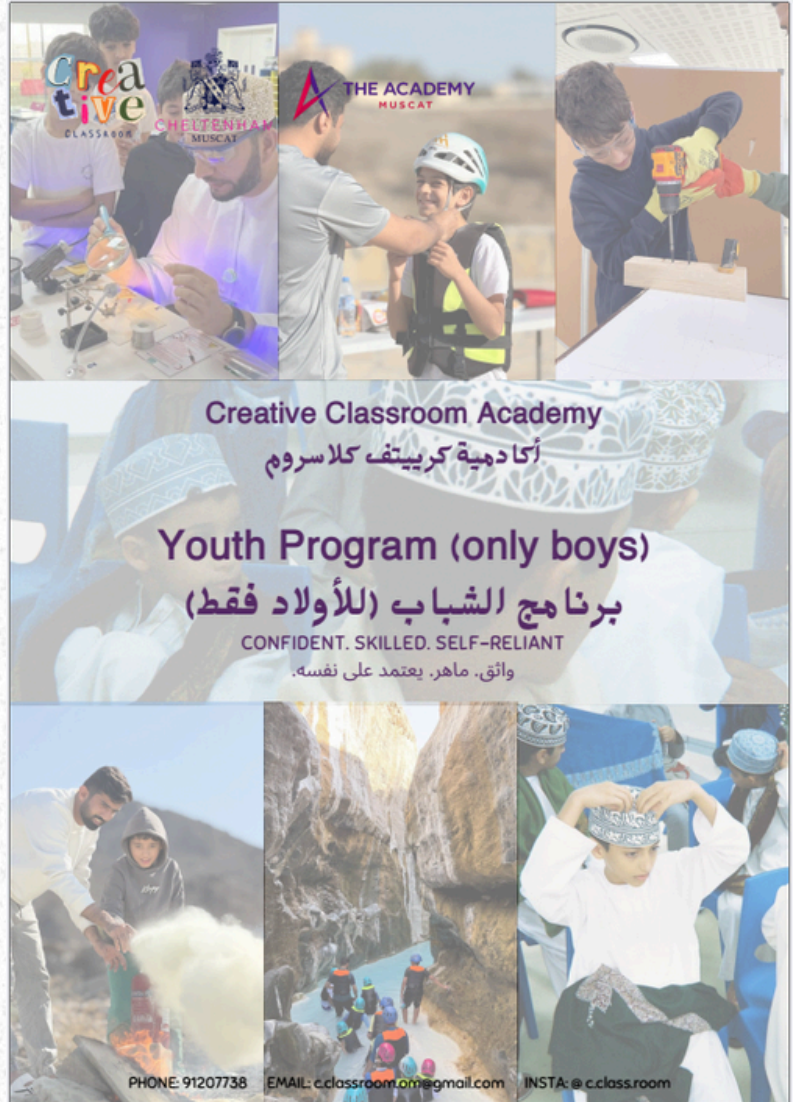
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Youth Programme by Creative Classroom (Boys only)

With over five years of experience in delivering creative and engaging camps, Creative Classrooms is proud to offer a unique program filled with hands-on, real-life experiences. From building your own woodworking projects to exploring the world of programming, students will develop practical skills while having fun in a collaborative environment. The camp concludes with an exciting adventure at Wadi Shab, where students will hike alongside professionals and cook their own meals as part of an engaging community-building experience.

Camp Language:

Arabic & English translation





Academy Events

World Robot Olympiad

As a leading school in WRO Robotics, Cheltenham Muscat is proud to announce the World Robot Olympiad, bringing together young innovators from across Muscat. Students aged 6 to 17 will compete, showcasing their skills in creativity, problem-solving, and engineering. The event will also feature exciting live robot activities, offering an engaging experience for participants and their families as they explore the world of robotics and innovation together. Visit the website for more information:

[Roboticktick | WRO 2026](https://roboticktick.com/WRO2026)



WRO 2026 National Qualifier Oman- Saturday, June 6th Cheltenham Muscat School						
time	RoboStarter Kids (6 - 9 years old)	RoboMission Elementary (8 - 12 years old) Junior (11 - 15 years old) Senior (14 - 19 years old)	Future Engineers (14 - 22 years old)	Future Innovators Elementary (8 - 12 years old) Junior (11 - 15 years old) Senior (14 - 19 years old)	Pitch the Future For Future Innovators teams	
8:30 ~ 9:00	Sign Up					
9:00 ~ 9:15	Opening Ceremony					
9:15 ~ 10:15	Official Practice Time (60 Minutes)			Booth Setup	For the Junior and Senior teams in Future Innovators-Theatre	
10:15 ~ 10:20	Robot Check					
10:20 ~ 11:00	Round 1	Open Challenge				
11:00 ~ 11:20	Award Ceremony for RoboStarter Kids (Coaches/ Group photo)					
11:20 ~ 12:00	A variety of engaging side activities will be available for children throughout the event.	Official Practice Time (40 Minutes)		Judging Round 1		
12:00 ~ 12:40		Round 2	Open Challenge		Guests are welcome to view the projects showcased by our Future Innovators teams.	
12:40 ~ 13:15		Lunch (Participants, Coaches, Parents, Judges)				
13:15 ~ 13:45		Official Practice Time (30 Minutes)		Judging Round 2		
13:45 ~ 13:50		Robot Check				
13:50 ~ 14:30		Round 3	Obstacle Challenge			
14:30 ~ 14:45		Judges' deliberation/ Participants break				
14:45 ~ 15:30		Award Ceremony				

Don't forget your water bottle and some snacks to keep you going while you enjoy the event!