



Our Scholars Presentation Evening provided a wonderful opportunity to celebrate excellence in music, art, sport and academia this week. It gave me great pleasure to congratulate our returning and newly awarded scholars on their achievements and to mark the start of their development programme for the academic year. In my Principal's Address during the ceremony, I reflected on what it means to be a scholar, and this is a message I feel is of value to all our students.

For a scholar, knowledge alone is not enough. Scholarship requires persistence. The path of creativity and discovery is rarely straight. They continue not because the road is easy, but because the pursuit of excellence is worth the struggle. Underlying that persistence is passion. Passion fuels the long hours, the repeated practice. It is the spark that makes others take notice, because a scholar does not just study something; they love it, and that love shows. This makes scholars a role model for the wider community, a figure to be respected for their inspirational and infectious love of their chosen pursuit.

At its core, being a true scholar means channeling your passion into the pursuit of excellence, and sharing your experience with others. At Cheltenham Muscat we aim to provide every student with the opportunity to pursue their passions, extend their knowledge and showcase their talents, fostering a genuine love of learning in every child.





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\*Dates and times are subject to change

From 21st September a member of the SLT will be available for Coffee and Q&A from 7:40am to 8:40am at the school coffee shop.

Please see the schedule below

- Sunday: Deputy Head, Alex Hands
- Monday: Vice Principal, Sahra Al Sabti
- Tuesday: Head of Pre-Prep, Sara Harrison
- Wednesday: Head of Prep School, Michael Wells
- Thursday: Head of Secondary School, Richard Davies

# EVENTS CALENDAR



# SEPTEMBER- SPORT

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#### Lower Pre Spelling Bee

Last week, following on from the class heats, our Lower Prep community came together for the finals of the first house event of the year — the Spelling Bee. Students in Grade 3–5 showed impressive resilience, composure, and bravery as they represented their houses in a fast-paced team relay, working collaboratively to spell as many words as possible within the time limit. Congratulations to Falcons House, the overall winners, and well done to all participants who demonstrated the Cheltenham Muscat 5Cs throughout the event. Audience members sat proudly in their house teams, cheering on their peers with respect and enthusiasm, creating a true sense of community and house spirit. It was a fantastic start to the year's house events, setting the tone for an exciting calendar

ahead. A big well done to everyone who took part in both the heats and the finals!



Spelling Bee Competition

#### School Ski Trip - Update



A big thank you to all the parents who have signed up for this year's school ski trip, we're thrilled with the response and excited for what promises to be a fantastic experience for the students!

Further information, including payment plan, will be sent out next week.

We're also pleased to share that a limited number of additional places have just become available. If any students are still interested in joining the trip, please email Ihirrel@cheltenhammuscat.com as soon as possible to secure a spot.



# CHELTENHAM BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday with food in their class, please order through Crafty Kitchen

#### **Birthday Celebrations**

Following feedback from parents and a number of issues arising last year with parents bringing cakes and sweets into school for birthday celebrations, we have asked our excellent school caterers, Taste Investment, to create a menu of birthday treats. These can be ordered at Crafty Kitchen in reception, or via this link, and delivered to your child's class on their birthday. Treats will be made from natural ingredients, avoiding artificial colourings and guaranteeing to be nut free.

If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday with food in their class, please order through Crafty Kitchen at least 3 days in advance. We will not be allowing externally purchased foods into school for celebrations.

 $Check the Cheltenham \, Muscat \, application \, under \, school \, catering \, for \, more \, details \, and \, prices.$ 



#### On-Campus University Fair – Monday, 22nd September 2025



Time: 2:30 - 3:30 PM

Location: Cheltenham Muscat - Senior's Atrium

Target Audience: Parents and students of Grade 11 &12

We are thrilled to invite all Grade 11 and 12 students and their parents to our University Fair!

Meet representatives from American, British, European, and local universities who will be on campus to share valuable insights about their programmes, admission requirements, and pathways for both A-Level and GED graduates.

This is a fantastic opportunity to explore future options, ask questions, and take the next step toward exciting academic journeys.

Your future starts here, be part of it!

#### Virtual University Fair - Wednesday, 24th September 2025

Following the on-campus university fair, Unifrog will be hosting a virtual university fair featuring 32 universities that are likely to be of interest to our students. Participation requires prior registration, and the event will take place during the school day.

Students who are able to organize their break times and independent study periods may choose to take advantage of this opportunity to attend sessions relevant to them. Please note that the event is fully organized by Unifrog, and the school has no involvement in setting the schedule. Therefore, attendance is optional, and the school timetable will not be adjusted to accommodate this event.

 $The \ registration \ page \ provides \ details \ of \ the \ participating \ universities \ and \ the \ event \ agenda.$ 

 $\underline{https://webapp.spotme.com/login/eventspace/unifrog-university-fair}$ 



#### Cognita Be Well Day- Thursday 25th September.

Children are invited into school wearing white clothes on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September. They will be participating in activities that help them feel happy, calm, and healthy. We look forward to celebrating this day with everyone, making the calmest day of the term! Thank you for your continued support.





#### Join Our School PTA - Get Involved!



We invite all interested parents to become part of our Parent-Teacher Association (PTA)!

If you're passionate about supporting our students, contributing to school life, and helping build a strong and connected school community, we would love to have you on board.

™ To express your interest, please email us at: reception@cheltenhammuscat.com

Let's work together to make this school year the best one yet!

#### **House Sports Competitions**

This week it was the PE department's turn to host some House Competitions. Let's give a big congratulations to our House Sports Competition winners!

#### **Grade 3 Winners**



**Grade 5 Winners** 



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**Grade 6 Winners** 



**Grade 4 Winners** 



**Grade 8 Winners** 





#### One-to-one Meeting with Career Counsellor



Ms Jalala Al Shamsi, Head of Career Counselling will work closely with students in grades 7 upwards this year to build awareness in career pathways, employability skills, and most importantly, scholarships and university applications.

The one-to-one meeting is a valuable opportunity for you to have an individual focused time to discuss future pathways, academic performance and subject choices, and the application process. Please ensure that the booking is made at a time when both you and your child can attend together.

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Please do not hesitate to contact Ms Jalala directly on jalshamsi@cheltenhammuscat.com should you have further questions.

#### **IDP Study Abroad Conference**

As part of our career counselling plan, we will be hosting a University Fair at school, arranging trips to university campuses, and visiting external university fairs.

We are pleased to share an opportunity for you and your child to attend an upcoming University Fair taking place in mid-September during the weekend. We highly encourage you to participate, as it will provide valuable insights into universities from around the world and help initiate connections with them.

#### Event Details:

19<sup>th</sup> September 2025 | 4:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Qurum Muscat (Al Sindbad Hall)

Register now: https://bit.ly/3H2WflV





#### Medical reminder

If your child has sustained an injury that requires them to use crutches or a wheelchair please can you ensure that this information is provided in advance to reception and the class/form teacher. This will enable us to ensure that there are suitable provisions in place to allow them to move safely around the school. The school will not usually be able to provide a wheelchair or crutches other than in an emergency so these should come from your medical provider.



#### Transport

We are happy to inform you that we now have available seats in Al Mouj, Mabella, Qurum, and Ansab. If you would like to enquire , please email your pin location to the transport team at <a href="mailto:transport@cheltenhammuscat.com">transport@cheltenhammuscat.com</a>. The team will check the suitability and confirm the details with you.





#### Reminders from the Main Reception

#### Early Collections from School

Please avoid collecting you child(ren) before the end of the school day. Children should only leave the school site early for medical appointments or in the case of a medical emergency. Any early collections from school can take time and therefore the reception should be given prior notice of any early collections for medical appointments. Please email reception@cheltenhammuscat.com if you need to book in an early collection for a medical appointment.

#### Deliveries to pupils during the day

We kindly ask that you ensure that your child(ren) have all they need for their day with them when they arrive at the school. Deliveries to the main reception cannot be guaranteed to make it to your child as other commitments may mean that the reception staff are unable to leave their workstation.

Thank you for your understanding.

#### Uniform and PE Kit

A reminder for all students: school shoes must be completely black, and ties are required in Upper Prep.

For those enquiring about PE kits, a new PE top material is now available in the online shop. We sincerely thank you for your patience while waiting for your orders.

#### Uniform Shop Timing:

We would like to inform you that starting next week, the uniform shop operating hours will return to the normal schedule:

Sunday – Thursday

#### 1:45 pm - 4:00 pm

Thank you for your kind cooperation, and we look forward to welcoming you during these hours.



#### Swimming at Cheltenham

The coaches at Cheltenham Muscat focus on providing careful attention provided to every child and their needs during each class. We are very excited for a full year of learning! The curriculum

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We have a variety of opportunities for ECAs during Term 1:

#### 1.Swim Squad

Selections are based on a ranking system for the top performers in each grade. Selection letters will be sent out on Thursday, 4 September 2025. Anyone who would like to enter the Swim Squad but was not selected, may email

We have the following days & times allocated:

- Grades 3-6 Sundays at 3pm
- Grades 7-10 Wednesdays at 3pm

We'll be focusing on building fitness & fundamental racing skills for competition swimming in Term 1 , as well as participating in competition/s.

#### 2.Aquathlon

This is an exciting introduction to the world of multisport and endurance training which involves mainly swimming & running. We would welcome anyone looking to build overall fitness & participate in multisport events to do so here.

These take place on Tuesday afternoons at 3pm.

#### 3.Prep & Pre-Prep ECAs

These are reiterative classes providing additional opportunities to build on learnings & experiences from the curriculum classes with children from other age groups. Class days & times:

• KG2-G2 - Mondays & Wednesdays at 2.15pm

#### Swim Kit

We encourage parents to acquire and make use of the school swimwear (swimsuit and swim cap). If this is not possible, please ensure your child is dressed in appropriate black/navy swimwear. Here is a quick checklist to help pack the day before:

- Swimsuit
- Swim cap
- Goggles
- Towel
- Pool Shoes or Sandals





# ACADEMY NOTICES



#### **Academy Ambassadors**

The Academy Ambassadors proudly attended their first workshop, led by Al Anood Al Wahaibi, founder of TEDx Thaqafa St.

The session introduced them to the world of entrepreneurship and marketing, sparking creativity and fresh ideas for their journey ahead.







### Academies and ECAs offered by The Academy Muscat at Cheltenham Muscat

















For more information about the after-school activities:

Get in touch

E: enquiries@academymuscat.com

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Please check Price List & schedule for the updated Academy details.

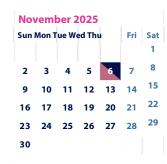


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Start of Term  Last Day of Term	External Examination Result Days
School Holidays	Staff Training Days (No Pupils in school)

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

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FOR EXTERNAL CIRCULATION