



CHEL TENHAM MUSCAT *Connected*

Wednesday, 14 January 2026

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One of the most enjoyable aspects of working internationally is engaging with people and cultures from around the world. Having worked in the UK, China, Poland and the UAE before now settling in Oman, I have thoroughly enjoyed working with students and parents from around 100 different countries and learned so much in the process. Next weekend we are launching the first Cheltenham Muscat Festival of the World to celebrate the diversity in our community and to share our own cultures with each other.

A huge thank you to our Parent Teacher Association and Ms Hands for leading the planning of the event and getting the first annual festival off the ground. The day promises to be an exciting opportunity full of fun, games, music and food from around the world. We look forward to welcoming you on Saturday 24th January.

Richard Snape
Principal



Festival OF THE WORLD

JANUARY 24TH • SATURDAY 3 PM - 7PM
CHELTENHAM MUSCAT



TICKET OF ENTRY

EVENT CALENDAR

JANUARY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
4 End of Term Holiday	5  Term 2	6 • Trip: Grade 3 Play and Drift	7	8 International Award Training Trip- Wadi Sahtan G9,G10	9	10
11  7:50am PE Parent Workshop -Pre-Prep	12  7:40am Meet The Vice Principal 7:45am Grade 2 Spelling Bee	13 7:40am Meet The Head of Pre Prep 2:30pm University Fair with Univer - G11 & 12	14  7:40am Meet The Head of Prep School 3:15pm G9-G12 Parent Teacher Evening -6th Form Options Evening	15 Accession Day Holiday	16	17
18 Al Isra'a Wal Miraj Holiday	19  • Grade 1 Trip 360 Farm	20  • Grade 1 Trip 360 Farm	21 8:00am Parent Coffee Morning with Cheltenham UK Team	22  G12 Trip to Jebel Akhdar (TBC) • KG2-Bike and Scooter Party	23	24 3:00pm Festival of the World
25  12:50pm KG-Parent event -Games	26 Childhood cancer awareness	27 Grade 7 : Residential Trip to Wadi Grade 8: Residential Trip to Jabel Shams • KG1: Al Khoud Fire Station (TBC)	28  Grade 2-Lulu Trip Japanese Embassy Storytelling Session- KG1 &KG2 (TBC)	29 1:00pm G1& G2-Parent Event-Showcasing	30  Scholar's Cup	31 Admissions Open Day

Parents Can Attend

Holidays

Non-uniform Days

Meet the SLT


*Dates and times are subject to change

School Photographs

School photographs will take place from 1st to 4th February. The detailed schedule will be shared in due course. Parents are kindly requested to ensure that students attend school in full school uniform on their allocated photography day.



SPORT CALENDAR JANUARY 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
End of Term Holiday						
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
End of Term Holiday		Term 2	U13 Boys Football v BSM (A) U13 Girls Football v BSM (A)			
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		U13 Boys Football v TSS (H) U16 Boys Football v TSS (H)	U9 Boys A + B Football v TSS (A) U11 Football v TSS (A) U11 B+G XC @TSS (TBC)	Accession Day Holiday		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Al Isra'a Wal Miraj Holiday	U11 Netball Festival v KGIS and DH (H)	U12 Boys Football v TSS (A) U14 Boys Football v TSS (A) U16 Boys Football v ISO (H)	U9 + U11 6-a-side Football Tournament @ KGIS			3:00pm Festival of the World
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
U14/U16/U19 XC @ ABA			U11 Girls 6-a-side Football Tournament @ DH U16 Boys 6-a-side Football Tournament @ TSS/BSM			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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CHELTENHAM
MUSCAT

Festival of the World

VR Stations, bouncy castles, circus acts, games, various country kiosks, food stalls & more!

SATURDAY	24 TH JAN 2026	3 PM - 7PM
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📍 Cheltenham Muscat School

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🎉 Exciting news 🎉

Tickets are available at Reception. Staff and student volunteers will also be at the Prep gate selling tickets on Monday 19th January in the morning during drop off.

★ But that's not all... here's the deal you don't want to miss: Buy 3 tickets and get 3 absolutely FREE!

Please note: cash only





Festival of the World

On 24 January 2026, Cheltenham Muscat will come together to celebrate the rich diversity of our community at the Festival of the World. This family-friendly evening will be filled with food, fun, and activities from around the globe for children of all ages



Parent / Country Stalls

We warmly invite parents to volunteer to run a stall, with the support of students and teachers, to showcase your culture or nationality. Please complete this form to participate: [Parent International Day Stall](#).

If you're unsure what to offer, our PTA would be happy to help (ptacheltenhammuscat@gmail.com), and we can connect you with other families to work as a team.

Vendor Stalls

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!

Wednesday, 14 January 2026

Term 2

International Award Trip

Last Thursday and Friday, the Bronze International Award participants from Grades 9 and 10 took part in the Bronze International Award training trip to Wadi Sahtan, where they engaged in rich experiential learning alongside their Award Leaders and knowledgeable local guides. Throughout the weekend, students completed three varied hikes through the wadi and surrounding villages, building navigation skills, resilience, and an appreciation for the local environment.

In addition to hiking, students learned essential expedition skills, including safe campsite setup and how to prepare nutritious dinners and breakfasts using camping stoves. Working collaboratively, they set team goals that they will continue to develop and later present to different phases of the school. The trip also provided valuable opportunities to experience and reflect on stages of teamwork, including the “storming” and “norming” phases of Tuckman’s model.

The smiles on students’ faces and their enthusiastic stories upon return made it clear that the weekend was both enjoyable and impactful. The training trip successfully strengthened teamwork, independence, and confidence as students continue their Bronze International Award journey.



Oman Open 2026 Coming 18th April 2026!

The Largest International Rubik's Cube Event Oman Has Ever Hosted
We are thrilled to announce Oman Open 2026, an exclusive and historic Rubik's Cube competition welcoming cubers from around the world. This prestigious event will take place on [18 April 2026](#), and all cubers are invited to apply.

Registration will open on the WCA website in January, and we strongly encourage our students to register as soon as slots become available ([10th January 2026](#)).



Who can attend?

This event is exclusive to registered competitors on the WCA website, their families, and approved volunteers. All abilities are welcome. If you are interested in volunteering, please express your interest as soon as possible as volunteer positions are limited. Volunteers will also have the unique opportunity to meet professional speed-cubers therefore, cube enthusiasts are especially encouraged to apply. All Academy ambassadors supporting with organising the event will be included as volunteers.



Stalls, Performances and Cultural Experiences?

Alongside the competition, we will host a variety of stalls and music performances, brought to life with the support of our talented students and teachers.

We warmly invite parents to host stalls, especially those that showcase Omani culture and traditions, as many international competitors will be visiting Oman for the first time.



Sponsorship Opportunities?

Parents or community members interested in forming a sponsorship partnership to highlight their companies during this esteemed event are encouraged to express interest as well.



How to Express Interest

To summarise, there are opportunities to express interest for the following:

- Volunteers
- Stall hosts
- Event sponsors
- Performers for included events

If you would like to take part in any of these roles, please complete the interest form: <https://forms.office.com/r/NXshWtXz6n?origin=lprLink>

You will be contacted with further details.

We cannot wait to welcome you to Oman Open 2026 and share this incredible event with our community. Let's make history together!

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

Childhood Cancer Awareness

At Cheltenham School, Muscat we will again be supporting the Oman Cancer Association and this time by raising awareness of Childhood Cancer.

Our fantastic Charity Club ECA Ambassadors will be busy on the 26th of January, selling gold bow ties that the children can wear at school all day. There will also be gorgeous cupcakes for sale from Crafty Kitchen.

All monies raised will help the OCA extend their Dar Al Hanan project. The 'Home Away From Home' cares for families who reside outside Muscat and need to be in the city for their child to receive treatment.

We will also have a raffle where a student can name a giant teddy and the teddy will then be donated to the children at Dar Al Hanan with that name. The winner will not only have the opportunity to go to Dar Al Hanan and donate the teddy themselves, but We are looking forward to everyone at Cheltenham supporting a wonderful and worthy cause.

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS

Monday the 26th of January



Don't wear your regular tie! Be fancy
and wear a gold bow tie!



1 omr for a gorgeous gold bow tie

*Raise money for the Oman Cancer
Associations
Dar Al Hanan - Home Away from Home*

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS

Monday the 26th of January

Raffle

Give the teddy a name and it will then be donated
to OCA's **Home Away from Home** for a poorly
child to enjoy.
And you will take home his smaller brother!



1omr for 2 tickets

*Raise money for the Oman Cancer
Associations
Dar Al Hanan - Home Away from Home*

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS

Monday the 26th of January

*And also the ever so delicious
cupcakes from Crafty Kitchen*



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Dar Al Hanan - Home Away from Home*

End-of-Half-Year Examinations – Arabic Department

In light of the official announcement confirming 15 and 18 January as public holidays, we are pleased to share the revised assessment schedule. Should you have any questions, please contact the subject teacher directly.

We wish all our students the very best.



Scan or click the QR code to view the Arabic Final Exam Timetable.



Transport Service

Some Seats are now available on selected routes for Term 2.

Our transport service offers safe and reliable daily travel for students. For more information or to check availability, please contact:

transport@cheltenhammuscat.com

Study Leave

Students in G11 and 12 that are sitting external A-level exams over the coming days are entitled to the following study leave:

- Morning exams: students may take the day before the exam off to study.
- Afternoon exams: students that have an exam in the afternoon may take the morning off to study.



Cheltenham College UK - Parent Coffee Morning (21 January 2026)



We are delighted to welcome parents to meet representatives from Cheltenham College (UK) at Cheltenham Muscat for a special Parent Meet and Greet coffee morning in the Senior Atrium at 8am on Wednesday, 21 January.

Kit Perona-Wright, Assistant Head of Cheltenham Prep will be available to meet with parents from Pre-Prep and Lower Prep and Mary Plint, Deputy Head of the College will meet with parents from Upper Prep and Seniors. These sessions will provide an opportunity to discuss our connections, ethos and future pathways. We look forward to welcoming parents and our guests from Cheltenham College.



Curriculum Guides

The updated curriculum guides for spring term are uploaded and available on the Cheltenham Application.



Admissions Morning

We'd love your help spreading the word about our Admissions Morning on 31 January at 9:00am. If you know any families who may be interested in joining our school, please invite them to join us on the 31st of January. The morning will include a school tours and meeting with members of our SLT.

Thank you for helping us welcome new families to our community!

Announcement – End of First Half-Year Examinations for Grade 12 (International Programme – A Level / Arabic Department Subjects Only)

We would like to inform you that the End of First Half-Year Examinations for Grade 12 students in the International Programme (A Level), for Arabic Department subjects only — will be held as follows:

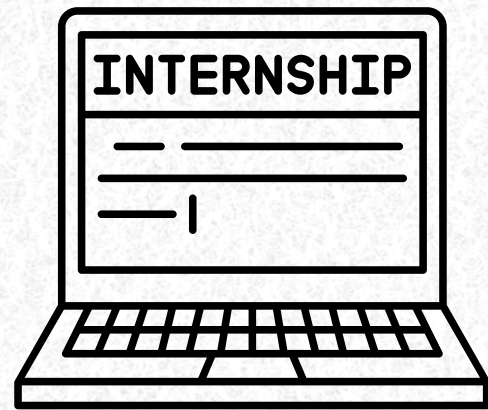
- Islamic Education Exam:
Sunday, 1 February 2026 (P3 & P4)
- Social Studies Exam:
Monday, 2 February 2026 (P5 & P6)



Please note that full exam details for these two subjects will be shared with students by the subject teachers via Microsoft Teams. We wish all our students the very best of success.

Internship or Job Shadowing Opportunities

We are building a database of companies that may be willing to offer internship or job shadowing opportunities for our Grade 11 graduates during summer 2026. The school counsellor will approach them to explore any potential collaboration.

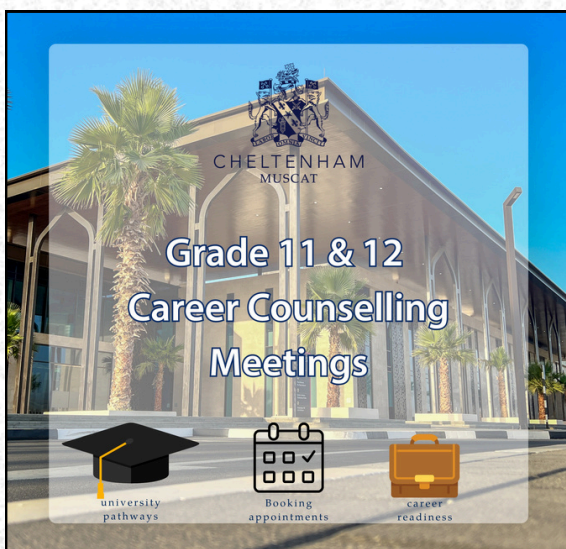


If you know a company or professional who may be open to supporting students through unpaid internships that lasts for 1-2 weeks, we kindly invite you to submit their details using the form below.

Suggest Companies for Internships – [Fill out form](#)

This initiative helps students explore career pathways, develop practical skills, and strengthen their university applications and essays.

Your contribution can make a valuable difference in guiding students toward their future careers.



Career Counsellor

One-to-one meetings with the career counsellor are still available to discuss future pathways, academic performance, subject choices, and the application process in a focused setting. To ensure a more effective session, please book a time when both you and your child can attend together. You can book your meeting through the following link: [Click here to book a meeting](#)

Please do not hesitate to contact Ms Jalala Al Shamsi via email if you have any further questions. Jalshamsi@cheltenhammuscat.com

Wednesday, 14 January 2026Term 2

Academy

🎉 We're Back for Term 2!

Our Academy Ambassadors are already hard at work helping to plan and support all the exciting events and activities this term. Let's make Term 2 fun, active, and inspiring!

📣 Upcoming Events & Competitions



🥋 Karate Competition – 31 January

Get ready! Our Karate Competition is coming up on 31 January. More info on participation and schedules will be shared soon.

🤖 Robotics & WRO 2026

We're preparing for the WRO National Olympiad 2026, on 6 June 2026.

WRO 2026 training is now open for advanced students during ECA times:

- Days: Sundays and/or Tuesdays (ECA Time 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm)
- Interested? Contact: ✉ ssajwani@cheltenhammuscat.com

LEGO Expo Coming Soon! Save the date for 25 April 2026!

More information and participation detail will be coming up soon!

Academy Enrolments – Term 2

Swimming

Term training packages are open. Sign up to secure your spot!

1xweek = 40 OMR

2x week = 70 OMR

3xweek = 90 OMR

Cheltenham Muscat families get an extra 15% discount.



Academy

⚽ Football Academy

Registration is open with Juventus Academy.

[Juventus Academy Oman - Juventus Academy Oman](#)



🎾 Tennis Lessons

Check the attached price list for all packages and fees.

THE ACADEMY MUSCAT

PRICE LIST

COURT BOOKING

Private Class OMR 10/hour

Semi-Private - 2 People - 1 Coach OMR 18/hour — or OMR 15/hour for 10 bookings
OMR 10 for 30 minutes class

GROUP (3) OMR 20/hour — or OMR 18/hour for 10+ booking

GROUP (4) OMR 8/hour each

GROUP (5-6) OMR 7/hour each

GROUP (5-6) OMR 6/hour each

GROUP SESSIONS

Saturdays

- 3 - 5 years: 8:45 AM - 9:30 AM
- 6 - 8 YEARS: 9:45 AM - 10:30 AM

Tuesdays

- 6 - 8 years: 5:00 PM - 5:45 PM
- 3-5 years: 6:00 PM - 6:45 PM

LADIES GROUP SESSIONS

Saturdays

- 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM
- 10:45 AM - 11:30AM

Contact

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17 ECAs Update

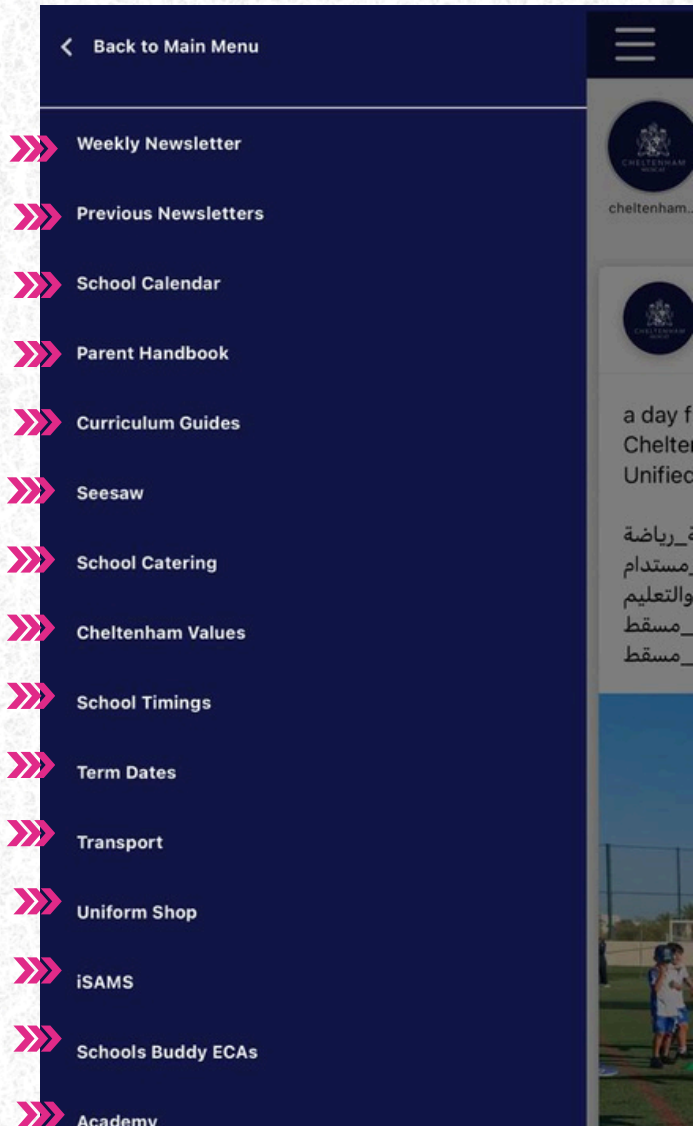
All ECAs continue until 5 February, except Rhythmic Gymnastics, which has its last class on 15 February as a celebration day.



Download the Cheltenham Muscat App!

We would like to highlight the Cheltenham Muscat Application – your gateway to all the essential resources and updates for our school community! Through the app, you can access:

- School Calendar
- Curriculum Guides
- Parent Handbook
- Login to iSams and Seesaw
- Weekly Catering Menu
- Newsletter and more



If you haven't downloaded the app yet, simply scan the QR Codes to get started. Don't miss out on everything happening at Cheltenham Muscat!

Download now and explore all the features!

ACADEMIC YEAR CALENDAR 2025/26

August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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September 2025

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	28	29	30			

October 2025

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November 2025

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December 2025

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January 2026

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						31

February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28

March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	15	16	17	18	19	20
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April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	28	29	30			

July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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