



CHEL TENHAM MUSCAT *Connected*

Thursday, 17 September 2026

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We are delighted to have received our largest-ever number of sign-ups for extra-curricular activities this term. This excellent response reflects both the breadth of our most ambitious programme to date and the enthusiasm of our students to explore new interests, develop their talents and contribute to school life.

From sport, music and the creative arts to academic enrichment, leadership and practical activities, our ECA programme offers opportunities for every student to demonstrate curiosity, build character and form new friendships beyond the classroom. We are grateful to the colleagues whose time, expertise and commitment make such a varied programme possible.

We are also pleased to share details of our school trip schedule for the year ahead. These experiences are an important part of a Cheltenham education, encouraging students to develop independence, resilience and confidence while creating lasting memories with their peers. As with our ECAs, the trips offered are even more ambitious than in previous years and provide a range of fantastic opportunities for our students to broaden their horizons. Further information about the destinations, activities and arrangements can be found in our [\[Residential Trips Brochure\]](#). The brochure is also available to view on the Cheltenham Muscat App.

Richard Snape
Principal



EVENT CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
20  8:30 AM University fair (Grades 11-12)	21  3:00 PM Unifrog Workshop (Grades 7-12)	22 8:00 AM Careers fair-Grades 7&8 12:00 PM Employability Skills Workshop Grades 9&10	23	24  Non-uniform Day-Sport Theme 11:00 AM IELTS Workshop (Grades 11)	25	26 9:00 AM Oman LEGO Tournament 
27	28	29	30	1  7:45 AM Parents' Workshop: The Phone Can Wait Why Delaying Smartphones Matters	2	3

Parents Can Attend

Holidays

Non-uniform Days

Meet the SLT

*Dates and times are subject to change



To celebrate Global Be Well Day on Thursday 24th September, children are invited to come to school wearing their **activewear or comfy clothes!**

It's a day to celebrate wellbeing, movement, happiness and feeling good. We look forward to seeing everyone dressed comfortably and ready to enjoy the day!





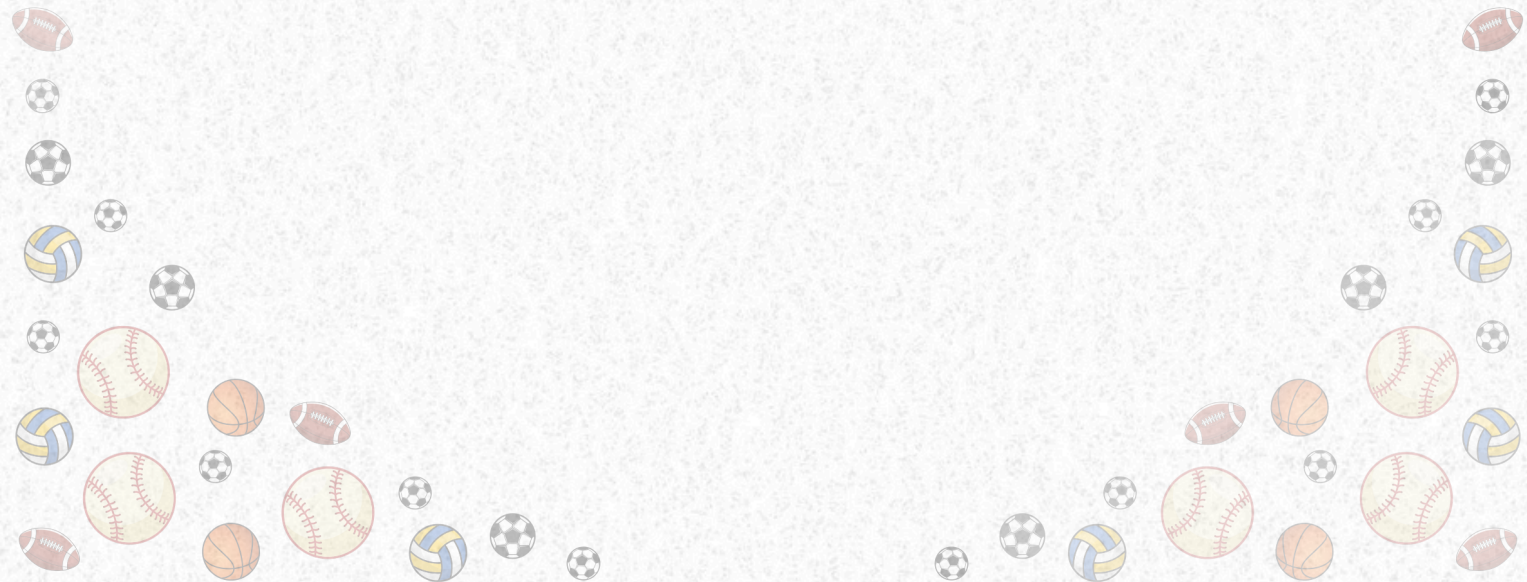
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Term 1

SPORT CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
 START OF TERM		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			





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Term 1

8C Rise to the Paper Tower Challenge

The students of tutor group 8C put their teamwork to the test in the Paper Tower Challenge — building the tallest freestanding tower possible in just 8 minutes, using nothing more than 10 sheets of paper and a roll of tape.

The room was buzzing with energy as teams huddled together, sketching ideas, debating designs and racing against the clock to turn their plans into reality. Some towers leaned on tightly rolled tubes for strength, while others experimented with wider bases for stability — every group bringing their own creativity to the challenge.

What stood out most, though, wasn't the height of the towers but the thinking behind them. In their reflections afterwards, students were unanimous: communication was the single most important factor in their team's success. Groups who talked through their ideas early, listened to one another and adapted their plan on the fly built stronger, taller towers than those who rushed straight into building — a great example of community and character in action.

This activity turned out to be a brilliant, hands-on reminder that some of the biggest lessons come not from getting it right the first time, but from working well together to figure it out. Well done, 8C!





Humanities Field Trip to India: 27–31 January 2027

We are delighted to offer Grade 9–12 students an exciting five-day Humanities field trip to Mumbai and Alibag from **27–31 January 2027**. This interdisciplinary opportunity is designed particularly for students across Humanities sub **Cheltenham Scholars, who will receive priority**, although other interested senior students may also apply if places remain.

Students will bring their Humanities learning to life through fieldwork, cultural experiences and the investigation of real-world issues, including coastal environments, urban change, tourism, development and inequality. The trip will also help students develop independence, confidence, teamwork and cultural awareness, while providing distinctive experiences to discuss in future university applications and interviews.

The estimated cost is **OMR 375 per student**, including return flights, accommodation and most meals, including breakfast, lunch and dinner.

For further information and a full breakdown of the trip, please scan the QR code to view the PDF itinerary. To register your interest, please email Peter Hawksworth at phawksworth@cheltenhammuscat.com. Places will be limited.



READ MORE





From Classroom to Climate Action: Grade 10 at Oman Climate Week



Grade 10 Geography students attended the final day of Oman Climate Week at the Oman Convention and Exhibition Centre. The visit provided an exciting opportunity to extend their classroom learning about climate change, particularly the different responses to climate action.

Students listened to keynote speeches from distinguished guests, including Dr Stewart Maginnis, Deputy Director General of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), who highlighted the importance of recognising community voices in discussions and decision-making about climate change and conservation.

Students also explored a wide range of exhibitions showcasing innovative ideas from Oman and around the world. These demonstrated how individuals, organisations and governments are working to mitigate and adapt to climate change while raising awareness of the importance of protecting the natural environment.





Second-Hand School Uniform

Please note that we are no longer accepting or providing second-hand school uniform items, as we have changed our uniform supplier and updated the school uniform design.

Thank you for your understanding.

**CAREERS WEEK**
20th - 24th Sep 2026

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

SUNDAY 20 Sep	 University Fair	 Cheltenham Muscat, Senior Atrium  P2 (8:30 - 9:30 AM)  Grades 11 & 12 and their Parents
MONDAY 21 Sep	 Unifrog Workshop	 Cheltenham Muscat, Wilson Library  3:00 - 4:00 PM  Parents of Grades 7-12
TUESDAY 22 Sep	 Careers Expo  Employability Skills Workshop	 Cheltenham Muscat, Senior Atrium  8:00 - 10:00 AM  Grades 7 & 8  Cheltenham Muscat, Theatre  Assembly (12:00 - 12:20 PM)  Grades 9 & 10
WEDNESDAY 23 Sep	 Virtual University Fair	 Unifrog event - Sign up here  4:00 PM  Grades 11-12 and their Parents
THURSDAY 24 Sep	 IELTS Workshop with the British Council	 Cheltenham Muscat, Theatre  P4 (11:00 - 12:00 PM)  Grade 11 - Parents are invited!



[Registration Link](#)



CURIOSITY



CONTINUOUS
EXCELLENCE



COMMUNITY



CHARACTER



CREATIVITY

STUDENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

APPLY | TRAIN | IMPACT | REFLECT



**YOUR CHILD HAS HAD THE
STUDENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME
INFORMATION SHARED IN ASSEMBLY.**



- Please take some time to talk with your child about the role or roles they are interested in.
- If they would like to apply, please support them in following the application instructions for each role and submitting their application by the whole-school deadline.
- *Students may apply for more than one role, but they can only be selected for one.*



ACCESS BROCHURE:

[Brochure Link](#)



**APPLICATIONS CLOSE
THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER**



Intelligence plus character is the true goal of education.



Smart Watches Notice

A reminder to ALL parents that internet enabled SMART WATCHES are not permitted in school. This is applicable to all grades.

MoE Registration Now Open For New Parents

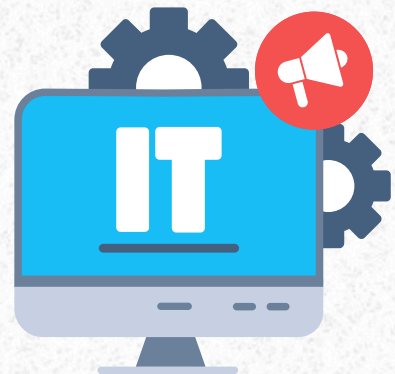
We are pleased to inform you that Ministry of Education (MoE) registration is now open for students from KG to Grade 12.

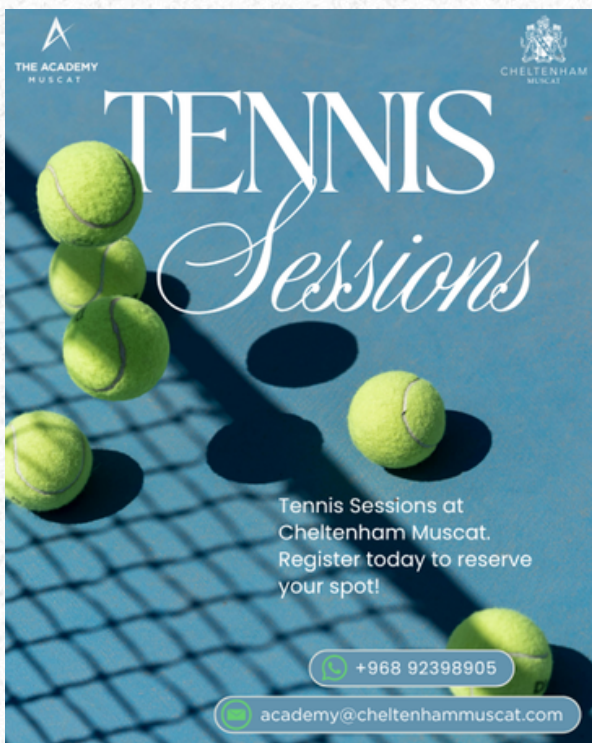
Parents are kindly requested to complete the registration process at their earliest convenience.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

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.





Tennis sessions: For Children and adults

Private music lessons for Cheltenham students:



Swimming: 10% discount for Cheltenham students, when registering through the Classcard website, simply apply the Cheltenham student discount code (CMSTUDENT10) at checkout.



Academy



Join us on

 September 26th

 10 AM–12:30 PM

 Cheltenham Muscat

for a fun-filled family experience!

Fee: 1.5 OMR per person (pay at the entrance)

Enjoy a special 30% discount exclusively for Cheltenham community. Registration is required.

Family Fun Fair Events:

entrance ticket 1.5 OMR (per head)

The activities that will be in the family fair:

- **Juventus:**

Kippie Uppie Challenge and mini Penalty Challenge

- **Rubeat:**

Music Experience

- **Future Education:**

LEGO Building Corner

Art & Craft Corner

- **Event boutique:**

Family Mega Games.





Academy

We are delighted to celebrate Arham Ramlan (Grade 8B) and Ali Jourabchi (Grade 9C), who are one of the winners in the WRO National Competition!

Following their fantastic achievement, they will represent Oman at the WRO Open International Championship in India, taking place between 24 -28 September 2026.

We are incredibly proud of their achievement and wish them the very best as they take on the international stage!





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OCTOBER CAMPS



Registration for Blanco:

[Contact Academy via
WhatsApp Or Email](#)



Academy Brochure

