



CHIPPING NORTON  
SCHOOL

## Christmas Celebration Assemblies

### CURIOSITY. CREATIVITY. COURAGE. COMPASSION.

As a school we encourage students to develop compassion, courage, creativity and curiosity – our House mottos and in the last week of term were delighted to recognise and celebrate all forms of student success and achievements in a series of special Celebration Assemblies for Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

Tutors were proud to acknowledge two students each who frequently demonstrate 'Courage and Good Character' in their Tutor group. It was very moving to hear the tutors tell the students and parents in the audience why they stand out as someone who is turning into a great person, who we can all admire.

At the end of each Celebration Assembly, Heads of Year announced winners of their 'Special Recognition' awards. These awards were given to students who have particularly impressed and inspired their Head of Year and PSA since September.

Mr Doherty acknowledged the special achievements of Emma Church (Year 10) for the outstanding contribution that she has made to not only our school community but to the wider community as well.

### AWARD WINNERS

#### ***Headteacher's Special Recognition Award: Emma Church (Year 10)***

We have all been forced to make many adaptations during this year of COVID. I first wore a face covering when I visited a B&Q store earlier this year and felt very self-conscious and slightly silly. That feeling slowly passed as more and more wore those coverings and we all got used to yet another change in the way we led our lives.

It never dawned on me how such changes might affect other people. Had it not been for Emma Church, I, and many others, would never have thought about the additional problems that those who rely on lip reading would face. Many at CNS will know that Emma is deaf



and that she has responded to the need to rethink face coverings for the deaf community.

In doing so, she has shown enormous character - including curiosity, courage, creativity and compassion. On a great day, we are doing really well if we display just a couple of those qualities each day. However, the reason why Emma is receiving this award is that she has displayed all four of those core CNS character traits throughout her successful campaign for transparent face coverings.

She began with curiosity in thinking through how she might make a difference in this world and change it for the better.

She then displayed courage by choosing not to 'put up with it' and instead has attracted nationwide attention to her campaign through newspapers, TV and getting in touch with the Prime Minister himself.

She then demonstrated her creativity in the design of new and improved face coverings to assist the deaf community.

Throughout, Emma's campaign has been fuelled by compassion in seeking to fight for the feelings and experiences of others in the deaf community.

The reason why Emma inspires me is because she led her campaign without any anger or bitterness. She knew that in order to change the world she needed the world to empathise with the deaf community and embrace the need to imagine beyond our own personal problems and difficulties - and to think of others.

Emma did not just identify a problem, she designed a solution and such a character is very rare indeed.

Congratulations Emma, you inspire us and you are amazing.

**Mr B. Doherty:** *Headteacher*

### ***Ms Hancock's Special Award: The Year 10 UK Space Design Team***

**Jack Loweth, Abigail Nunneley, Charlotte Nunneley, Joanna Pike, Evan Wollerton, Morgan Wollerton, Thomas Adnams, Finn Bradbury, Cadence James, Benji Lawson:** Matthew Turvey oversaw some of our Year 10s participating in the UK Space Design Competition. This is a national competition that runs in several heats for schools. Schools enter a team of up to 12 persons who can be in Years 10-13 and then the schools are joined together to make a working team of around 30-35. Our school was the only one to enter students from outside of Sixth Form and yet they have come away as winners!

**Ms H. Hancock:** *Deputy Headteacher*

## ***Tutor Awards: Year 7***

**Najib Miah/** Character: Najib is always ready to contribute something sensible and thoughtful in tutor time. He also scored one of the most spectacular rounders in our interform rounders tournament at the beginning of term.

**Theia Packham/** Compassion: Theia has shown herself to be a kind and thoughtful member of the tutor group. She is able to empathise with others and is often quick to offer help and support to those who need it.

**Rebecca Barnes/** Character: Friendly, welcoming, inclusive - talks with everyone, very helpful.

**Leah Maher-Finch/** Compassion: Our school council representative. She has bravely spoken to the whole tutor group on multiple occasions and keeps the group well informed as to what the council is doing.

**Dolly Ogier/** Compassion: For making a great start to year 7 and being a strong member of the student council. Dolly is also a very supportive figure within her friendship group.

**William Stanton/** Character: William is growing in confidence and has made a very good start to year 7. He is working hard during lessons and is always well prepared and organised for his learning.

**Olivia Taylor/** Courage: Her ability to stay honest and true to herself is her greatest trait. A great personality when you get to know her and an important part of the tutor.

**Oscar Street/** Character: His ability to be nice and kind to everyone is great. Oscar continues to have a great outlook on the world and that great attitude rubs off on others around him.

**Theia Packham/** Compassion: Theia has shown herself to be a kind and thoughtful member of the tutor group. She is able to empathise with others and is often quick to offer help and support to those who need it.

**Bella Wolfe/** Character: Bella has shown real resilience since the beginning of Year 7. She was the only pupil from her Primary School to come to CNS but she just gets stuck in and makes the best of things. It has been a real pleasure to watch her grow in confidence.

**Izzy Phelps/** Character: Izzy has had to isolate twice, missed the first two weeks and hasn't moaned or complained about it. Just gets on without any fuss.

**Shane Deller/** Compassion: He's a good lad and is always polite and respectful.

## ***Mrs Faulkner and Mrs O'Brien's Award***

**Thomas Seaton/** Courage: For showing exceptional courage in speaking to camera for the Virtual Open Evening video. He was very calm and collected, giving excellent answers to the questions posed and outstanding in representing the school.

**Freddie Curtis/** Courage: For showing exceptional perseverance and resilience. Freddie really struggled with coming to school in September but now has 100% attendance and is engaged in all his lessons.

**Millie Bristow/** Courage: For showing exceptional courage in difficult circumstances and still being dedicated to her school work.

### ***Tutor Awards: Year 8***

**Joe Walsh:** Consistently arrives at school prepared for the school day looking impeccably smart in his uniform. He is always polite and courteous and this is reflected on his personal scorecard.

**Emily Cutter:** Always prepared for the school day looking impeccably smart in her uniform. She is the school council rep and so far has done an amazing job in this role including creating the powerpoint presentation about the tree planting initiative.

**Ben Hornblow:** Ben always tries his best. He is a popular character who can always be relied upon. He often asks very good questions (and some not so good!) and he is an excellent role model for the rest of the class.

**Sophie Hergt:** Sets a fantastic example to other students. Very polite and helpful. Has enjoyed and worked well on the student council.

**Lily Youngson:** For always being a smiley and friendly member of the tutor group. Always arrives impeccably dressed and has all of her equipment. She is always friendly, supportive and caring to those around her.

**Daniel Homer:** A very conscientious student who takes pride in everything he does. He often makes outstanding and well thought out contributions to PSHCE.

**Jessica Cunningham:** Jess has a very mature attitude in tutor time. She always works to the best of her ability and doesn't get distracted by anyone around her. She is always polite, calm and consistent. She is courteous and helpful to the pupils in tutor and lessons. She is an independent pupil and makes the right choices which align with her own code of conduct. Her uniform is always immaculate and highly organised.

**Jenson Hubbard:** Jenson is a very positive and polite member of the tutor group. He always follows instructions and does as asked of him. Furthermore he offers to do things to help of his own volition to help me and other pupils. He has a mature approach to school and has his own moral code, which enables him to always remain focussed and not be influenced by any distractions around him. He is keen to answer questions and be involved enthusiastically in class discussions. His uniform is impeccable and he is organised and ready to learn.

**Zeke Edwards:** Sometimes in school this person can be misunderstood, but when you get to know them you realise that they are a very loyal person to everyone around them. Character is something that intrinsically occurs within a person and beats other factors, including personality, in determining how we respond when faced with tough situations in life. During PSHCE lessons Zeke was able to draw upon his life experiences and bring a different but mature viewpoint to our lessons. Zeke is a young person with great character.

**Martha Bell:** This person has some great core values and amazing motivations for the way they act as they do. They do the right thing because they believe it is the right thing to do. They don't act because someone else is influencing or pressuring them to do so, and they don't do something just because they want to look good in front of others. These character traits define who they are as a person—and highly influence the choices they make in their life. My second award for good character goes to Martha Bell.

**Joe Robinson:** Joe can be relied upon to give me a cheerful greeting when he arrives in the tutor room each day, which is a big lift in these strange times. He is an eager contributor to active tutor with some valuable insights. Always well turned out and equipped for learning, and rarely if ever needing a yellow slip, Joe is a real pleasure to have in the tutor group.

**Madeline Palmer:** Madeline is a person of great maturity and a real asset to the school. Her uniform is always impeccable and I can't recall her missing a day of school yet. She's always polite and helpful to me and her fellow students, ever ready to take part in our Friday quizzes, and a great contributor to active tutorials.

### ***Mrs Jackson and Mrs Davis-Batchelor's Award***

**Damien Janik:** DJ is always happy to be at school, has a fantastic sense of humour and loves telling jokes...especially 'dad jokes'! He likes to entertain and is always keen to participate in lessons. He always wears his uniform correctly and always looks smart. DJ takes an interest in others and builds strong relationships with them. He definitely encompasses the 'curiosity' value. Congratulations DJ, we will miss him being in Year 8.

### ***Tutor Awards: Year 9***

**Tyra Aitken** /Character: Risen to many challenges this year, in lessons and beyond. Has really grown as a person and matured over the past few months.

**Emily Ridgway and RJ Hughes** /Compassion: They set a fantastic example for other students, always kind and compassionate towards others, have a fantastic mindset of always wanting to learn and develop in many areas, always smiling and positive members of the tutor group.

**Ellie Newby** /Character: Ellie quietly goes about giving everything 100% and does it all with a smile.

**Sam Moreton** /Compassion: Sam sets a fine example to us all in raising awareness of environmental issues and getting us all to be better human beings.

**Jodie Slark** /Compassion: Jodie, always tries to produce 'her best'. She very quietly gets on with whatever she has been asked to do, without complaint or making a fuss. She is an excellent example of how a student should behave.

**William Gray** /Character: Will has great moral fortitude. If he thinks something is wrong then he will say so, which isn't easy amongst some of our year 9 boys.

**Mia Green** /Character: Always working hard without any fuss. She is 100% reliable.

**Melissa Stonehouse** /Compassion: For being a patient and a supportive friend to others in the tutor group.

**Cerys Moss** /Character: For taking up the role of our class rep and attending and sharing notes with us.

**Bella Knight**/ Compassion: Very tolerant, approachable by everyone in the group, kind and caring.

**Zara Gregory-Angus** /Character: Always has something to say and carries on going and does it with a unique sense of humour.

**Poppy Warham Valler** /Compassion: Supportive of her peers and has taken on the role of student rep and worked on planting trees to help the environment.

### ***Mr Franklin's Award***

**Harry Hinton:** Since September Harry's name has come up a lot in conversation with different teachers and what has dominated those conversations is the maturity that Harry is developing. Harry might not get it perfect 100% of the time, he has stumbled and found things difficult and I've had to confiscate his jacket far too many times. But regardless of that two things remain true: Harry always has the maturity to own his mistakes and build on them and he is always trying to improve. I found out recently that, like Harry, actor Tom hanks is a big villa supporter. One quote that has always stuck in my head from Hank's is something I think rings very true for Villa as a football team and Harry's character "if it wasn't hard, everyone would be doing it. It's the hard that makes it great."

### ***Tutor Awards: Year 10***

**Sean Benney**/ Character: For being consistently positive and upbeat even when others around him are negative and pessimistic.

**Cadence James**/ Compassion: For showing genuine, heartfelt empathy and compassion to the people around her, even to me when I'm being a moany form tutor.

**Billy Sweet** /Compassion: For being thoughtful and empathetic to those around him and being conscious of the needs of others.

**Charlie Burnett** / Character: For reinforcing his needs and standing up for himself to those in power.

**Luke Adam** /Compassion: Luke has given strong support and advice to other students who have struggled with issues.

**Amber Clanfield**/ Character: Amber gets on with every task with a minimum of fuss and is dependable in every aspect.

**Katie Welch** / Character: Moved from Scotland which is not an easy thing to do, settled in really well and it's like she's always been with us. No matter how hard things are or how difficult she might find something, she always does her best and without any fuss works really hard to achieve her goals.

**Cecily Peacock** /Character: Works really hard without making a fuss, is dependable and reliable and in a quiet understated way always supporting her friends with any issues/problems.

**Charlie Sampson** /Compassion: A quiet, hardworking and very polite student, Charlie is a teachers dream! I hope he realises what a great support he is to others around him and what a pleasure he is to have in lessons and tutor time. He shows great compassion to his friends both inside the classroom and outside whilst running rings around them on the football pitch.

**Beth Castle** /Character: Warm, kind hearted, strong and intelligent - just some of the characteristics that describe Beth and why she brings so much to our tutor group. I always think if my own daughter turns out half as lovely as Beth then I'd be very proud of her, as I am of Beth being her tutor.

**Sophie Cooper** /Compassion: She is always trying to make sure people are involved and checking up of other students.

**Harley Coggins** /Character: Even though there are things he is having to deal with he still tries really hard to work.

### ***Mrs Hargrave's Awards***

**Erin Yates and Jasmin Blake:** For their positive attitude, increase in confidence and cheerfulness, no matter what.

**Jayden Carroll:** Jayden Carroll has received an award for his Charity walk where he completed 10km for a homeless charity.

### ***Tutor Awards: Year 11***

**Evie Duff:** Always compassionate, has a positive nature that rubs off on other students, Great sense of humor. Has made outstanding contributions to all of the charitable events that we have run this year.

**Jessica Parsons:** Always kind and caring, has a positive nature that rubs off on other students, has been a great friend for others in the tutor group as well as contributing to charitable events throughout the year.

**Gracie Hotson** /Compassion: A kind, warm hearted and caring student. She is a dream to have in the tutor group.

**Toby Daly** /Character: He is a confident and intelligent student who participates fully in tutor time and has volunteered to be our school council rep.

**Demi Watts** /Compassion: She has a very caring nature - Demi always has a smile and asks me how I am doing. I know I can always rely on her if I need assistance with anything.

**Matty Cottrell** /Character: Matty is growing into a very positive, mature young person. He keeps going when the going gets tough, and I feel I could rely on him to do the right thing in any situation.

**Jessica Bradford** /Compassion: Since the beginning of year 7, Jess has been a great friend and a positive role model for her peers. She can talk and relate to anyone and has a calm and friendly manner. An inspiration to us all.

**Lily Edwards** /Character: Lily has a positive attitude to any new challenge she faces. When faced with an obstacle she does her best to overcome this, looking for solutions rather than dwelling on the problem itself. She is a positive role model for her peers and an inspiration to us all.

**Niamh Smith** /Compassion: Niamh is and always has been a really supportive friend to all in 11MJT. She has a positive and mature attitude and this gives us all a boost.

**Charlie Young** /Character: Whatever Charlie is involved in he always gives it his all. During lockdown numerous members of staff let me know of his commitment and this shines through each tutor time too.

**Rio Dumbleton** /Compassion: Organised buying some chocolate for someone recently when they had a wobble, wrote a lovely postcard as well on behalf of the tutor group to that person.

**Eden Nash** /Character: Really coming out of her shell a little more, sense of humour is great but knows exactly where the line is. Able to argue her point of view correctly, and give other suggestions.

### ***Mr Robinson and Mrs Cottrell's Awards***

**Evie Duff:** Super smiley and always upbeat. Her positive outlook is amazing. She supports her friends with utmost of care and constantly shows curiosity, courage, compassion and creativity.

**Ella Westerman:** Ella is also extremely smiley and positive. She cares for her friends greatly and always offers support. She works diligently and always shows great empathy for others.

**Ed Lindsay:** On a personal note Ed works extremely hard in my lessons and breaks down learning barriers with curiosity and courage. This has led him to talk about subject content not only covered in A-level, but at university. He is always very eloquent and extremely polite.

**Aidan Slark:** Aidan gets all of the basics right, all of the time. He is punctual, well presented and polite. He works really hard and is always fantastic in the classroom environment.



**Aaron Denton:** Has 100% attendance and is always polite to staff. He has been working extremely hard recently and has received strong mock results. I praise Aaron for his maturity as he could be easily distracted but he focuses on his grades and future outcomes.

**Alanya Francis:** Happy, smiley personality and her amazing singing voice that we get to hear everyday.

**George Allsworth:** Really pleasant student who always has a nice thing to say, even if he is having a rubbish day himself.

**Arnold Blacker:** For being Arnold Blacker! He is so positive and a great friend to others, he exudes empathy and compassion.