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Includes an exclusive interview with BBC's 'Traitors' Season 2 Winner: Harry Clark!
Charters General Election, Advice from Year 12's to our new Year 12's,
News from our drama department and more!



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MEET THE STUDENTS

About us

Welcome to the first edition of the Charters Chronicle – hopefully the first of many! This is a newspaper **by** the students, **for** the students; our aim is to curate accessible information to help you navigate Charters School. What can you expect from our issues? Coverage of school events, information about opportunities within school and local news. In short, our vision is for the Charters Chronicle to be your source of information for all things Charters!

-The Chronicle team



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Winner of TRAITORS 2024

Harry Clark interview

From an Army engineer raised in Slough, to winner of acclaimed game show 'Traitors', Harry Clark's world has completely transformed in a matter of months. He was generous enough to answer some questions sent over to him by myself and the team on the Charters Chronicle. He recounts experiences and skills that helped win the show as well as how he's adjusted to life with his newfound popularity and fame. This is Harry in his own words.



~ Do you think coming from a large family has influenced your ability to manipulate and control in any way?

·Definitely, I grew up in a massive family, 4 brothers and sisters, 2 brothers and 2 sisters, always in competition with each other on who's the best kid. I grew up not a naughty kid I'd say. Just learnt to be cheeky and get away with things. So, when I was in the castle it definitely helped with getting away with the sly stuff and keeping a poker face. Which was really funny cause if I was there lying to my family they could tell in an instant if I was lying. Luckily no one in the castle could.

~ Would you say your experience in the army helped you in the show or game in any way?

“ 100%, the experience in the army made me see clear like if that makes sense. Being in the army, being in situations under pressure, allowed me to see the game for what it was and strip away any emotion and basically compartmentalise, I think that's the word, long word, and I learnt it while I was there and that's what I seem to be good at. I can put certain emotions into certain things, and I know when to give more or less and that was all through the army. The things I saw and the things I've done in the army allowed me to do that in a simple game show really which is what it was for me anyway.”

~ Did you have a set game plan in mind before you went on the show?

“I definitely didn't have a game plan in mind because I didn't even see series one. I literally didn't want to watch it, for one, and I hadn't seen it. I actually put on the first episode and saw everyone crying, and I was like, you know what this ain't for me. But for me personally, I wanted to go on there and not expect anything, and I wanted to experience every single thing that there was to experience without trying to expect anything. I think that's where a lot of people went wrong, they watched the first series so many times that they came up with this game plan in their head. Whereas for me, it was more go with the flow, and react to whatever was in front of me so I can deal with it whilst in front of me.”

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~ Was there anything that happened during the show that wasn't aired, and you think should've been?

"A load of things happened obviously that wasn't aired like that I think should've been aired but its hard because the main thing was conversations. Obviously, there's 22 of us in a castle at the start, we're all having conversations. We're there filming 16-18 hours a day, so you think how many conversations and hours of footage is there, a few conversations were left out. And obviously our reality inside the castle is very different to what was shown on TV. But hats off because the TV show was amazing and was edited amazingly. So yeah of course there were funny times that weren't aired as well. There were many laughs, there was close relationships like me, and Johnny were really close. Me and Paul we're really close now as people have seen. Just releasing a podcast and now I've got to plug it. Harry and Paul's podcast comes out next Wednesday if you wanna listen. But we were so much closer than it came across on the first episodes of TV because of how well worked together."

~ If in the final elimination Mollie has voted you out and you had lost, would there have been anything you had wanted to change in your game plan?

"Again, very good question but definitely not. I grew up boxing with my other grandad on my mum's side and he's always taught me when I was boxing, if I was to ever go into a ring and if I was to ever lose, it's me vs me. So, if I lose, get out of the ring and I say, "I could've done this, I could've done that", the only thing he's ever going to say to me is "well why didn't you?" I think that's a big thing I've learnt in my life, is its always me vs me. So as long as I got to the final, if it didn't go my way, as long as I can look back on the experience and be like, look I can hold my hands up high and there was nothing else I could've done which I think at that point in the final I would've been happy either way. Obviously much more happy to win the money but I would've held my hands up definitely and patted myself on the back and been like there was nothing more I could've done. I definitely wouldn't of changed in any way of my game plan because it worked."

~ Do you still think you would've won if you weren't a traitor?

"Probably not. Because it would've drove me crazy not having control. I like to have control over things, I like to know what's going on all the time. And being able to sort of plan work my way through, but I guess it would've been quite fun. But I also feel like I would've been one to of go at the start. My plan being in there was to act as a faithful obviously but the reason I was still there the whole time was because I worked so hard in the missions. I don't know whether that came across as much on TV, but every single mission I put 110,000% into it. So, my alibi was, why would the traitors get rid of me because they're not gonna be making as much money in the missions. So that's how I went about it. I don't know it would've been cool to relive it and seen what would've happened as a faithful. But look I won, and I don't want to change anything."



~ **Who out of this year's cast do think would've won if you hadn't?**

"If I didn't win it out of this cast this year, I would have had to of gone with Paul. The thing is with me, and Paul is we work so well together. It was basically, like the Harry and Paul show, like the Harry and Paul podcast. And it was as if I didn't win, I wanted him to win so much. Likewise, we both said to each other, "look it was gonna be the battle of the giants." Whoever fell first, the other one has got to go on and do it and he's done exactly that and supported me the whole way through. As soon as he went, he said his time was up, he had gone too deep and had kept up this pantomime villain that he couldn't keep going. When he left, he said the first thing he told to Claudia was "Harry's got to go and do it all now". Definitely if I didn't win, I feel like Paul would of."

~ **Did you feel being on the show took a toll on you in any way? Especially with having to be constantly aware of your actions.**

"Not really, I was just tired. Like you film for 16-18 hours, and everyone goes to bed, but as a traitor you've got to stay up, so you could be filming for 20 plus hours. So, you get a couple hours sleep and you've just got to crack on. But definitely the only toll it's taken out on me is in a good way, I loved every minute of it. Wouldn't say I had any bad things come from it like health wise or emotionally, I guess."

~ **How were you able to keep your win a secret from your family?**

"Well, if I can tell you a secret, I definitely didn't keep it from my family. The first thing I did was ring my mum and dad and tell them I just won 100 grand because who wouldn't? I was 22 years old, I wanted to run up and down the road naked screaming and shouting about it. But I was only allowed to tell certain people about it which was my very close loved ones who I know aren't going to go and tell people. And to be honest when I told my mum and dad, look I got told that if it leaks and stuff like that it could jeopardise me winning the money I've just won. So, it would've been silly for us to of told anyone, but I definitely didn't keep it a secret from my family. With my mum and dad, that would've just been impossible. As good as I am at keeping a secret, I couldn't of kept it from my mum and dad, no way."

~ **How did you feel continuing with your normal life after the season had started airing?**

"Obviously continuing my normal life after the season started airing was absolutely mental because I'm going back to work, I'm still in the army, and then people start asking for photos, people turned up at my work for a photo and a signature. It was just absolutely mad. There's no other way to explain it other than a madness. Like continuing normal life after the season started airing, it was just mad. And I wish I could give you a better answer but it's just like, out of the ordinary, it's not real. It's a feeling that I wish I could just bottle up and show you or let you feel because it just didn't make sense and it was absolutely crazy."

~ **Is the newfound attention hard to adjust to? Has it made you act differently than before?**

"Definitely not. I mean, I sort of lost myself a little going to the events and stuff and trying to fit in and I drank too much. But now I'm getting a hold of it. The people that come up to me and ask for photos or questions, I love it because I wasn't allowed to talk about it for 6 months, well for 4 months. So, since September we finished filming, it didn't come out till January, and I had to stay quiet the whole time. So, I love talking about it now because I wasn't allowed to talk about it."

~ **What's the most rewarding thing you've done after the show?**

"I mean I couldn't even put that into words. I've taken my family to Chelsea games, which we've been Chelsea fans from since I can remember. I've gone to Buckingham Palace, I've presented the ONE show. I've just presented the ONE show again helping kids, autistic and ADHD kids and people who were struggling. I've donated and worked with like Make a Wish Foundation. The charities and helping families is what has been the most rewarding thing. And 100% like the best thing about the show has been the people that came up to me and told me how it put all of their family on a sofa, and they could escape from reality and just spend an hour watching me be silly on TV. That's been the best feeling ever because being able to give families that sort of bond again and be able to sit there, 3 generations of people. Finally, being able to sit there on a Friday night, watch the TV, has been the best feeling ever. Just that personally, helping people and obviously the cost-of-living crisis we live in now, it's just been amazing the response. And that's just been the most rewarding thing, I think. Families, mums, dads just talking to me saying how it got them on the sofa with their parents and also their kids. All sat there watching the same show it was just the best feeling ever."

I highly recommend if you enjoyed this interview or this season of Traitors, to check out the 'Harry and Paul are... Devious' podcast which will be launching 3rd of July.

CHARTERS GENERAL ELECTION

Interviewees: Head coordinators for the
Charters General Election

- Emily Csernus & Catriona Wood

P: What is the aim of this mock election? And why should it be important to our students?

-E: First and foremost, it's so young people in school can get more engaged in politics, secondly, because we want to see how our generations would vote. Obviously, there is some talk about votes at 16 and often that means that politicians disregard us.

-C: Voting in young people has a really low turnout as well so for that reason we want people to get more interested in politics.

P: How is this relevant to our daily lives and what is expected for the future?

-E: By teaching students more about it, they won't find it boring. Chances are a lot of it currently goes over their heads, and it might not be the most engaging format for young people to listen to.

-C: I think a lot of people are dissuaded from being interested in politics... maybe from the behaviour of the politicians.



KEIR STARMER: LABOUR (LEFT)
RISHI SUNAK: CONSERVATIVE (RIGHT)

P: Can you give a simple explanation on how the polling day will work?

-E: It's happening across Monday and Tuesday, we're treating each Tutor group like a constituency. We go into each Tutor group, they'll receive a ballot paper. Put a cross in the box of the local candidate/party you want to vote for. We've got ballot pots, it'll be put in there and by the end of the week we should get some interesting results.

-C: We can see the age group and how different year groups and vote for different parties, what they're interested in and what's important to them.

P: How can students prepare to make their decisions?

-E: We are coming into Tutor groups, mainly year 7's and 8's just to start the conversation but also sending out PowerPoints about parties, their ideology and manifestos. It's up to the students themselves to keep an eye on the news, watch a lot of the debates going on and talk about it to their family and their friends.

-C: They can see which political parties have the aims which line up the most with their passions and what they're interested in.



CHAT CLUB



Widen your life perspective and chat to students across the globe!

Chat Club acts to unite 6th Form students with underprivileged and disadvantaged peers from other countries. This is very rewarding for both sides of the exchange as it helps the students gain confidence and those aboard can practice their English. We host the **Children's Garden Home in Kenya** which is an orphanage which provides and education to orphans in Kenya that can't usually access it. They are very bright community of students.

They are currently undertaking a blog competition to share their voices:

[Children's Garden VOICES - Stories by the children in Kenya \(childrensgardenhome.org\)](https://www.childrensgardenhome.org)



We are also helping to fundraise to help their facilities as they don't have access to a hygienic toilet block or have any science labs, any donations would be appreciated!

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/natalie-hernandez-2?utm_term=AGdjy77mg

Check out their Instagram for further details on the project. (QR code above)

Our Sixth Form is very happy to having been given this Enrichment Opportunity!

HERE'S SOME ADVICE FROM A YEAR 12 TO A YEAR 12...

Year 12 can be an exciting and nerve-racking time! We understand that it's a big step up from GCSEs – different environments, different subjects, different people – and that's why we want to give general advice from the Sixth Form to prepare you best so that you enjoy your Year 12 experience! We've split this up into categories: social life and academic life.

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What will happen academically?

One of the biggest shocks that will come to you when you enter year 12 is that you will need to be much more independent! The workload will increase to around 1-2hrs of work per teacher each week, your homework will become a lot more in depth, and your time will become more preoccupied.

- **Make use of your free periods strategically.** Free periods can be used for tying up loose ends but also interacting with new people!
- **Know what environments you work best in.** For instance, if you have an essay to write which may not be achievable in a 1-hour free period with potential distractions, use that free period to do some less intense work.
- **Keep on top of the work you get** – you will get a lot of work at once!
- **Learn new revision strategies** – since the content changes so much, old GCSE revision strategies will not work!
- **Learn what exam technique is required for your subjects** – you can learn as much of the content as you want, but if you don't know the exam technique, you will not be able to reach higher levels.
- **Talk to your subject teachers** – they are there to help you!
- **Keep your notes legible.** Your future self will thank you.
- **You will be able to perform your best when you can think clearly** – if you have spent a lot of time on a task, give yourself breaks and come back to it.
- **Stay organised and make a habit out of it!** You will need to bring your own paper so it can become easy to find yourself buried in a mountain of loose sheets. Folders are a great way to do this, but get multiple per subject, as they will fill up quickly, so only bring the last couple of lessons worth of work to your lessons.
- Don't worry about what grades you get! **The jump between GCSE and A Level is big**, and everyone will experience this together! You will improve as the year progresses.
- **Be realistic** with the amount of work you can complete in a given time.

**BE TRUE TO YOURSELF AND
SURROUND YOURSELF WITH
POSITIVE, SUPPORTIVE
PEOPLE.**

Payal Kadakia

With a new environment comes lots of new people, and lots of new opportunities. Important things to note are that classes will be a lot smaller; you will get a scheduled enrichment session each week for non-academic activities (unless you undertake an EPQ course); and there will be lots of opportunities that will come up throughout the year. It may also be difficult to divide your time between academics and socials.

- **Keep a hobby going!** Set aside definite times to do something that you enjoy and make it a routine.
- **Make use of the opportunities given to you** (you will get a lot of these in the daily notice!) These can end up being a fun social opportunity that can form great memories and experiences.
- **Get enough sleep!** You'll notice the difference in your productivity and performance
- **Build strong relationships with your classmates** – it can be reassuring especially during exam time to know that you are facing these challenges together!
- **Make the most out of enrichment** – this can be a great break from lots of heavy workloads.
- **Surround yourself with people who bring out the best in you and will support you.**
- If you have ideas for any clubs/activities/events that you want to see implemented in the sixth form – go for it! **Lots of events that take place within the school are run by students, and your Heads of Years will greatly welcome these ideas!**
- **Prioritise your health and wellbeing** – it always comes first. There are numerous support systems throughout the school for instance: your tutors, your Heads of Year, an anonymous email address: worried@chartersschool.org.uk.

The biggest thing that we want you to take away from this page – Year 12 is your time to experiment and find out what works for you. Experiment with different revision techniques, try out different timetables, explore subjects that you may want to take at uni. Enjoy year 12 and make the most out of your experience!



CHECK OUT THESE HELPFUL VIDEOS

Starting a new year

13 Study Types

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eVlvxHJdqI8>

Advice for starting a new school from year 7's

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eVlvxHJdqI8>

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How to study daily

11 Morning Habits of Successful Students

How to Start New School Year with Goals

10 Things You Should Never Do Before Exams

How to Stop Wasting Time

How to Study Smartly Tough Subjects

Essential stationary:

• 10 Pcs Maths Set

• Sticky Notes Set, 150 Sheets Transparent

• Helix Oxford Maths Set with Storage Tin
: Amazon.co.uk: Stationery & Office Supplies

• Pencil Case

• Glue sticks

IF THE PLAN
DOESN'T WORK,
CHANGE THE PLAN -
BUT NEVER THE
GOAL.





CHARTERS
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We invite you to our
Summer
Concert

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SUMMER MUSIC CONCERT

The Summer concert is a great way to showcase the musical talents of Charters School Students. You can expect to hear the school Orchestra, small bands such as Jazz Band and Function Band, talented Soloists, Choirs, and so much more.



It is a fantastic way for discovering new music and cheering on your friends. The Summer concert will be taking place in the Main Hall of Charters School on Monday 8th July at 7pm. Tickets cost £4 and can be paid on ParentPay or alternatively, you can pay upon entrance. We hope to see you there!

“A Monster Calls” drama production

The Drama department proudly presents the production of Year 9 and 10's “A Monster Calls”! The production will be held from 10th-12th of July from 7-9:30 pm in the Drama Studio and all tickets can be found on the Charters' website.



The play follows the story of a 13- year- old boy, Connor, as he is visited by monsters at night. They tell him stories to help him cope with his mother's terminal illness. It is a very powerful play that conveys the importance of processing emotions such as anger, denial and fear, and not letting them consume you.

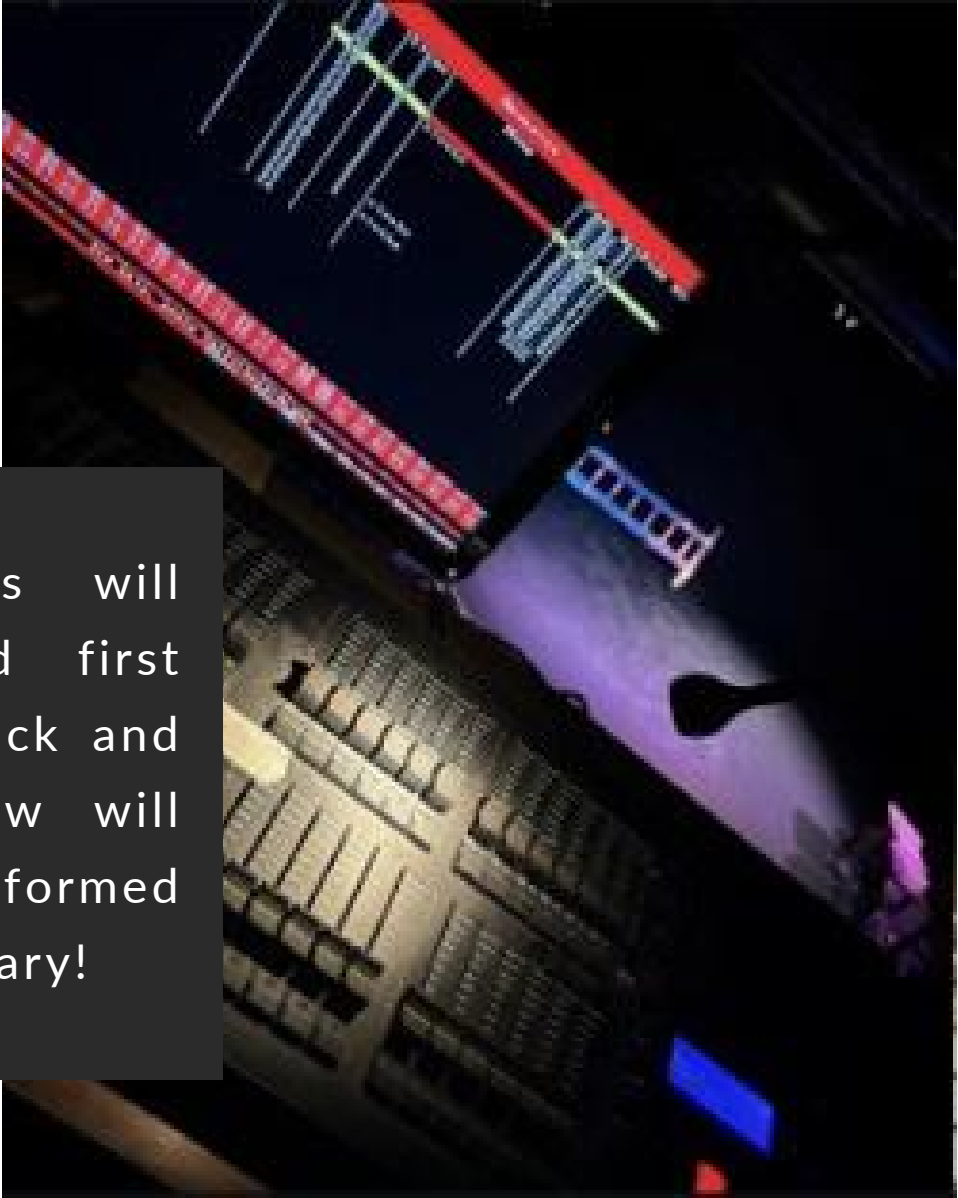


Don't forget to book your tickets!

Why should people watch this production?

“You will be able to witness the talent of the year 9 and 10s in this amazing production! They have been so committed and mature when dealing with this really impactful piece. You don't want to miss this, buy your tickets now!”- Miss Annesley, Director.

TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON... UPCOMING SCHOOL PLAY



Auditions will
be held first
week back and
the show will
be performed
in February!

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