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Create, Aspire and Excel
to 'Live life in all its fullness' (John 10:10)

Message from the Principal

A very happy new year to all in our community and all reading this first newsletter of 2022! I do hope that, over the holidays, you had some happy and enjoyable family time.

Covid update

My thanks to the families who gave consent for the Lateral Flow tests to be carried out on Tuesday. The testing team worked diligently during the INSET day. We did have one positive case, making this process more worthwhile, as this young person was not feeling any of the normal virus symptoms and could have been at school today not realising the virus was being spread to others. This reinforces the need for adults and students at CHA to regularly test themselves. We are sending a further batch of testing kits home via our students this week.

Please do use this email address to report a positive Lateral Flow or PCR test result:
covidalert@chacademy.co.uk

[Here](#) is a link to the latest information from the Government for those with a positive PCR test result.

Based on the most recent guidance, and shared with you by a text earlier in the week, we are now asking all our students to wear masks in both communal areas and in lessons. Exempt students are being given a pass to carry in their pocket.

Please do help us in ensuring that your child/ren have a mask to wear each day and that this is washed regularly or replaced. This is a challenge I know but our wearing of masks in communal areas last term did appear to reduce the number of positives cases when compared with other schools.



Start of term – Welcome back and Collective Worship

We started the term and the new year on Wednesday with a time to reflect on our values and how we can act on these each day. In the assembly, we were reminded of the opportunities that we have at CHA and our determination for every student to aspire and excel in all that they do.



We do have a number of staff absences due to the virus and we are doing our best to cover these lessons. CHA staff have been fantastic in helping out where they can and in making sure relevant work is set. I have reminded the school how important it is for each student to take responsibility for their learning and to do all that they can to support staff to help on-site learning to be maintained. We will do our very best to keep the school open for all year groups during this difficult time for us all. This was the prayer shared with the school during their reflection time:

Our prayer for 2022

We pray our school would be place of great discovery, learning and creativity
May it be a place where we love to learn and where we learn to love
A place where everyone is respected and all are deeply valued
A place where there is tolerance and care for each other
A place of safety and happiness
We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Dates for the Diary

| Date | Event | Email address |
|------------------|--|----------------------------|
| 10 January | Y13 Interview skills workshop (TBC) | lharman@chacademy.co.uk |
| 10 to 21 January | Y8 Options process introduction | agriffiths@chacademy.co.uk |
| 11 January | Y12 Elevate Education workshop, 9.30 to 10.30am | lharman@chacademy.co.uk |
| 11 January | PTA meeting, 7.00 to 8.00pm | chapta@chacademy.co.uk |
| 12 January | Y12 Elevate Education workshop, 2.00 to 3.00pm | lharman@chacademy.co.uk |
| 12 - 13 January | Jonathan Taylor (guest) – Online Safety workshops | jconway@chacademy.co.uk |
| 13 January | Y8 Parents' Evening via SchoolCloud, 4.00 to 7.00pm | sfalcon@chacademy.co.uk |
| 18 January | 'Lord of the Flies' auditions, 3.10 to 5.10pm | pleathers@chacademy.co.uk |
| 27 January | Y8 Options Evening (GCSE), via SchoolCloud, 6.15 to 8.00pm | agriffiths@chacademy.co.uk |

Safeguarding

Online safety workshop

On Wednesday and Thursday next week we will be delighted to welcome back Jonathan Taylor to the Academy.

Jonathan is an expert in online safety and last visited Chiltern Hills a few years ago. We have organised workshop sessions for students in Years 7–11. To ensure we comply with Covid-19 regulations, we will be splitting each year into two groups and each session will take place in the school hall, where we can provide ventilation and social distancing. The workshops will cover a range of internet safety topics and will equip students with a better understanding of their own safety when online. Students will have the opportunity to ask questions and sessions will be tailored for each age group. If you would like further information then please visit this website:

<http://www.besafe-online.co.uk/> where you will find lots of information, advice for parents on online safety and you will find links outlining, in detail, the content of the workshop sessions.

For further information, you can also visit <http://parentinfo.org/> - a website that covers all aspects of parenting, with expert information to help children and young people stay safe online.

For lots more information on different aspects of safeguarding, you can also visit our website using the link below where you will find a range of websites you can click on to support parents and young people.

<https://www.chilternhillsacademy.co.uk/usefullinks>

If you have any questions about online safety or concerns about your child, then please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

You can report a safeguarding concern by sending an email to safeguarding@chacademy.co.uk

Mrs J Conway
Vice Principal
Designated Safeguarding Lead

REMOVE A NUDE IMAGE SHARED ONLINE

It can be scary finding out a nude image or video of your child has been shared online but Childline's 'Report, Remove' tool can help. Click on this link to learn how Childline can help get online images removed.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/remove-nude-image-shared-online/>

Auditions for 'Lord of the Flies'

On Tuesday 18 January in OF4 we will be holding auditions for the school show, 'Lord of the Flies'. The auditions will begin at 3.10pm and end at 5.10pm. Students will be provided with a script on the day. Students who will be singing will be asked to prepare a song of their choice. We will be looking for actors, singers, and dancers. There are 12 leads and a large chorus that may have a speaking role. Students need to be available to rehearse on a Tuesday and Thursday after school, from 3.10 to 4.10pm.

Miss P Leathers
Curriculum Leader for Drama



Examinations

January BTEC/CNAT/LIBF Exams - 10 January to 10 February 2022

The exams are still going ahead as planned and they start on Monday 10 January 2022 for those students taking BTEC courses, Cambridge National or LIBF exams. All timetables were sent out before the Christmas break, along with an external examinations guide. The guide is also available on our website

<https://www.chilternhillsacademy.co.uk/school-life/curriculum/examinations>.

Please make sure your child/ren have read the guide prior to taking their exams. Please also make sure that they have the following equipment for their examinations:-

- Clear pencil case
- At least two black pens
- Pencil
- Rubber
- Ruler
- Protractor

- A pair of compasses
- Calculator

Please note that students can bring in a bottle of water but it must be transparent and there should be no writing on the bottle.

Students should not attend Chiltern Hills Academy on the day of the examination if they have the following:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- Loss of, or change to, their sense of smell or taste
- Have tested positive for Covid-19
- Have been contacted by the NHS test and trace services and asked to self-isolate
- Are self-isolating after returning or entering the UK.

Summer Exams – 16 May 2022 to 28 June 2022

A summer exam timetable has been sent out to parents and students detailing all the exams taking place at Chiltern Hills Academy in May-June 2022. The students can also view the timetable on the school Learning Platform. Individual provisional timetables will be sent out late February/early March.

If you have any questions regarding examinations, please contact Mrs Dell, Examinations Officer via email tdell@chacademy.co.uk

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