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to 'Live life in all its fullness' (John 10:10)

Message from the Principal

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family safe and well. We do currently have an increase in Covid cases across the school and indeed I myself am feeling unwell, working from home and awaiting a PCR test as a number of our families are. This reinforces our determination to keep the school well ventilated. We have a new air cleaner arriving tomorrow for another of our classrooms.

We thank you for ensuring that your child/ren arrive at school each morning with their normal school equipment, including a reading book and a clean face covering. Each week I do remind our families to use this email address to report the outcome of Lateral Flow or PCR test: covidalert@chacademy.co.uk

We continue to offer the best opportunities that we can for our young people. Y8 families last week, I know, found the Parents' Evening helpful and the Y8 Options Evening next week will help children and parents to understand the wide range of BTEC and GCSE courses we offer in Y9-Y11.

In the last two weeks I have been meeting with prospective candidates who might be interested in the role of Principal next academic year. My thanks to our Sixth Form students for showing our visitors around the site and talking to them about our community and our success.

The Thought for CHA for the next two weeks has encouraged us all to reflect and pray to celebrate our diverse community. Students, we hope, understand the richness that this brings and the tolerance and respect that must be shown at CHA and in the wider world. If you have a moment to talk to your child/ren about this important topic, it would be appreciated.



Please continue to follow the Government guidance. Keep yourselves, your family and community safe. As always, if you need support, please do not hesitate to contact any member of staff. We are here to support your child and you if we can.

Staffing opportunity

Please see the details at the end of the newsletter where we seek to appoint a senior site manager. This role will be ideal for someone with a practical background and with knowledge or the desire to learn about site health and safety procedures.

Dates for the Diary

Date	Event	Email address
10 to 21 January	Y8 Options process introduction	agriffiths@chacademy.co.uk
20 January	Y11 National Citizen Service talk, 1.00 to 1.30pm	ahemsworth@chacademy.co.uk
27 January	Y8 Options Evening (GCSE), 6.15 to 8.00pm	agriffiths@chacademy.co.uk
28 January	Y7 and Y8 workshop with author Ross Welford	agraham@chacademy.co.uk
31 January-4 February	Y8 Straw Poll (Options)	agriffiths@chacademy.co.uk
2 February	Parent Forum, 6.30 to 7.30pm	wsanders@chacademy.co.uk
3 February	UKMT - Y9, Y10, Y11 Maths Challenge	rvaddiraju@chacademy.co.uk
3 February	Y11 National Citizen Service talk, 1.00 to 1.30pm	ahemsworth@chacademy.co.uk

CHA – PTA News

A new year brings more events to our PTA calendar.

Quiz Night - Saturday 12 March

The first quiz of the year under the leadership of our very own TV quiz champion, Simon Pinnell. You will know that this is not a night to be missed. Tickets are available on Parentpay at £5.00 for adults and £3.00 for children. Due to the popularity of our last quiz, a suggestion is to buy early via ParentPay to ensure your table. Bring your own refreshments. There will be a raffle and the return of "Heads and Tails". See you there.

Spring Fayre - Sunday 20 March

Following the success of our Winter Fayre, our Spring Fayre will be just as busy but maybe a little warmer! The perfect place to buy a gift for Mother's Day and Easter or maybe just something gorgeous for yourself. We have already had substantial interest from stall holders who did not attend last time, so it is definitely a date for your diary. There will be a raffle and refreshments will be available. Please email the PTA direct if you would like to book a stall.

Calling casual Volunteers!

Now that normality is beginning to return and social events are being booked in, the PTA are keen to have more helpers - parents who want to be involved but are maybe unable to commit regularly.

I would like to set up a Whatsapp group to ask for more help when it is needed for setting up, clearing away, serving refreshments etc. at the various social events being planned, Covid willing: the Quiz Night, the Spring Fayre and a future Comedy night. We also serve refreshments to the community footballers and dancers on a Saturday morning and on a Wednesday evening to the Bingo-goers.

If you would like to be involved but on a casual basis, then please email the PTA with your name and mobile number and I can create a Whatsapp group and put out requests as and when required. We would like to have more helpers and it is a really good way to feel part of the wider school community.

Looking forward to hearing from you. Naomi Davies (Y11 Mum)

Mrs S Webb (Chair): chapta@chacademy.co.uk

Y8 Options Update

I will be providing updates regarding the Options process for Y8 on a regular basis to support students and parents. All Y8 students have now received the Options booklet. This was given out by the Academic Year Leader, Mr Falcon, this week. You will find an electronic copy on our website for those students who are isolating, however we will also send a copy through the post. It is important that you spend time with your child to go through the booklet as there is a lot of information that will support your child in making an informed decision. As you may be aware, for the last two weeks students have been having taster sessions in their lessons to support the process. I will be delivering some information on our BTEC course on Thursday 21 January during form time.

A letter was sent to all Y8 parents regarding the Options evening. Please make sure you read this letter. The date for the evening is **27 January**, we will be dividing the evening up into two sessions.

6.15pm-7.00pm **surname beginning A-J**

7.15 pm-8.00pm **surname beginning K-Z**

Please make sure only one parent attends with your child to ensure that you and teachers are safe as we mitigate the risks as much as possible. Please ensure you wear a mask at all times while you are in the Academy. We would usually have a presentation at the start of the evening. For this year we are pre-recording information and this will be sent to you on Monday 24 January and will also be made available on the Academy's website.

Mr A Griffiths
Vice Principal

Message from Ms Astles

Please be reminded that should your child be off with sickness or diarrhoea they should not be sent back in to school for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea. Thank you for your support with this; it is much appreciated by the CHA community.

Ms Astles
First Aider

MIND

MIND is a mental health charity designed to help and support students and young adults all across the UK. Here at Chiltern Hills Academy we have set up a group of Sixth Formers who have been trained by the MIND Company and are here to help and support our own students with their mental health and wellbeing. We have started to see and support students, however we would like our great service to receive more attention and to do this we would appreciate it if the students could fill out our short survey about our MIND Mentoring service (the link is below). This will all be done anonymously and will let us further develop our promotion and ways of helping students in need. If you think your child would benefit from this service, then could you please let their form tutor know so they can then be referred to us and receive a mentor. <https://forms.gle/MFL1ZpA3dUEPAgVp6>

Drew Preece (Y13 Student)
Lead for MIND

PE – Extra Curricular

Monday: Year 7, 8 & 9 Girls' Football
Year 9, 10 and 11 Girls' Netball
Year 9 & 10 Boys' Football

Wednesday: Year 7 & 8 Girls' Netball
Year 7 & 8 Boys' Football

Thursday Year 10 & 11 Girls' Football

Netball Fixtures

Wednesday 19 January Year 7 Netball vs Holmer Green [A] *(No netball training for Y7 & 8)*
Monday 24 January Year 10 & 11 Netball vs St Marys [H] *(No netball training for Y9, 10 & 11)*
Monday 31 January Year 10 & 11 Netball vs Chesham Grammar [A] *(No netball training for Y9, 10 & 11)*
Monday 7 February Year 10 Netball vs Misbourne [A] *(No netball training for Y9, 10 & 11)*
Thursday 10 February Year 9 Netball vs St Marys [A]

Netball training will **not** happen on Wednesday 16 February [Year 7 & 8] (maybe subject to change).

PE Uniform

This term we are focusing on PE kit to ensure every student wears the correct uniform on their PE days. Below is a reminder of what is acceptable clothing based on our PE kit policy:

Black joggings bottoms/shorts/skort/leggings

CHA t-shirt

White/black long-sleeved top which can be worn under the CHA T-shirt

CHA jumper or a plain black sweatshirt

Trainers [some students require football boots]

Failure to wear the correct PE uniform will result in your child receiving a consequence.

Consequences:

B2: First time - 10 minute detention.

B3: Second time - 60 minute detention [with class teacher].

B4: Third time - 60 minute detention [with Principal].

Fourth time - Parent meeting with Curriculum Leader for PE and PE report

If there are any questions or queries, please email Miss C Passmore on cpassmore@chacademy.co.uk

Miss C Passmore
Subject Leader of PE
ASTRA PE Mentor

Careers

Classroom to Careers – [January Edition](#)

The January edition of Classroom to Careers is out now and can be viewed [here](#), packed with careers information including events with British Airways, routes into law with Allen & Overy and application clinics with Deloitte. You will also find the latest Apprenticeship information, detail on T Levels and an opportunity to sign up to a Vodafone coding workshop.



National Citizen Service Assembly Year 11

The National Citizen Service is primarily designed for 16-17 year olds. They offer a programme where students can become world ready and work ready, where they can explore who they are and who they want to be. Where they can step up and step out and get a taste of independence, connect with other like-minds, learn new skills, make an impact in their community and better their employability.

The NCS will be coming into school **Thursday 20 January** and **Thursday 3 February** to talk to students about their summer programme. Half of Year 11 will have an assembly during Form time on Thursday 20 January and the other half of the year, on Thursday 3 February. Students will have the opportunity to secure their place on the programme after the assembly.



Mrs A Hemsworth
Careers

Vacancies

Facilities Manager

Full time, 37 hours per week – flexibility is essential to this role

Salary: Bucks Pay Range 5 - £27,256 - £29,578 per annum dependent on experience

Required to start as soon as possible.

Permanent contract, 52 weeks per year with 23 days annual leave plus Bank Holidays (rising to 28 days plus Bank Holidays with 5 years continuous service as part of Bucks Pay T&Cs).

We are seeking to appoint a Facilities Manager who will be responsible for all aspects of site management and ensuring that the Academy premises are safe, secure, well-organised and fit for purpose through planning, managing and doing. The successful candidate will have strong administrative skills and have experience in successfully leading a team as well as good organisational and IT skills. They will be responsible for the line management of the site team that currently comprises 5 part-time site staff and a part-time Cleaning Supervisor.

The Facilities Manager will be responsible for the oversight of all site security, repairs and maintenance and development of the site. They will ensure the compliance and efficient operation of CCTV, fire and burglar alarms, lifts, automatic doors and plant room equipment etc. The successful candidate will have a 'can do' attitude and hands on approach and be a good problem-solver with excellent organisation and inter-personal skills. They will ideally have some working experience of Health and Safety legislation, although full training will be provided.

Lead School Counsellor

2-3 days per week (6.5 hours per day) term time only (38 weeks with 5.1 weeks holiday pay)

Required for immediate start and fixed term until December 2022 (although we are looking to grow our counselling provision and this role may become permanent)

Bucks Pay Point 5 (£27,256 - £29,578 pro rata) dependent on experience.

We are seeking to appoint a Lead School Counsellor to provide a high quality counselling service to students experiencing a wide range of emotional, psychological and wellbeing concerns. We recognise that our students face a range of challenges everyday and we are committed to supporting their social, emotional and mental health to overcome barriers to learning.

Applicants must have a recognised qualification (BACP) and be experienced in counselling young people aged 11-18. They should have a strong track record of providing solid emotional support and have excellent interpersonal, communication and report-writing skills. We also have other in-house counsellors and some volunteer counsellors that will need to be supervised and therefore experience of clinical supervision is essential.

Mrs J Mistry
HR Administrator

Principal: Mr K Patrick MEd

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SATURDAY 12TH MARCH 2022

Family
QUIZ
NIGHT

A large, colorful graphic consisting of numerous thin, multi-colored lines radiating outwards from a central point, creating a starburst or explosion effect. The word 'Family' is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font, slanted upwards to the left. The words 'QUIZ' and 'NIGHT' are written in a large, bold, black, sans-serif font, stacked vertically in the center of the graphic.

INCLUDING RAFFLE AND HEADS & TAILS

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BOTTLES & REFRESHMENTS

DOORS OPEN 7:00 for 7:30

£5 per adult

£3 per student

MAXIMUM OF 8 PER TEAM

Please wear a mask if you would like to

Sunday 20th March

Spring Craft Fayre

10:30 – 15:00 Free Admission

craft stalls Easter raffle refreshments

at Chiltern Hills Academy

Interested in holding a stall?
Email chapta@chacademy.co.uk for further details

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about FREE SPEECH VS HATE SPEECH

Everyone has the right of freedom of expression. This is the right to voice your opinions and share information and ideas with others. It is not the right to say whatever you want. We all have a responsibility to use freedom of expression properly by not saying things that are grossly offensive or threatening, or encouraging hateful activity, thereby undermining the rights of others. Both online and offline, hate speech targets those who are different to the speaker in some way. Communication of talking or discriminating against groups and individuals (because of characteristics like race or religion) is hate speech, not free speech.

What is Free Speech?

Free speech is the principle that an individual is allowed to share information, opinions and ideas without fear of retaliation, censorship, or legal consequences. Here's why free speech is important...

The Human Rights Act states that everyone has the right to express themselves freely and hold their own opinions – even if those views are unpopular and could offend others.



Freedom of expression encourages listening to others and allowing opposing views to be heard. It's important that we respect someone's opinion, even if we disagree with it.

Any idea could potentially offend someone: Both Galileo and Darwin's theories, for example, were originally incredibly offensive to many. Freely exchanging ideas promotes progress.



The ability to challenge others' views – and have ours challenged, too – is healthy, as it helps us learn to deal with criticism and to think seriously about what we say and believe.



It's a powerful way to push for change. Many modern rights – such as women being allowed to vote, or decent working conditions – couldn't have been achieved without free speech.

Freedom of expression also includes the right not to do something, such as not standing up or singing for the national anthem, even though some people would deem that offensive.



What is Hate Speech?

Hate speech is any communication which displays prejudice against someone's identity. It can be derogatory, demonising and dehumanising statements, threats, identity-based insults, offensive name-calling and slurs. Some common types of hate speech include...

Targeting people or groups because of their race, gender or gender identity, sexuality, nationality, religion or a disability.



Content which dehumanises individuals or groups based on those attributes, such as relating negatively to them as animals, inanimate objects or other non-human entities.



Calling for violence or hatred against certain people or groups, and justifying and glorifying these actions.

Claiming that specific types of people are physically, mentally or morally inferior, or even that they are criminals.



Promoting the exclusion or segregation of certain groups of people, or discrimination against them, because of who they are (e.g. their race or gender).

Making up or repeating insults about a person or group because something about their identity (for example, religious beliefs or a disability) is different to the person who's posting.



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For further information and reporting:

Amnesty International:
<https://www.amnesty.org/en/what-we-do/freedom-of-expression/>
True Vision:
https://www.report-it-to-gov.uk/reporting_internet_hate_crime
Report Harmful Content:
<https://reportharmfulcontent.com/?lang=en>



National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday



Buckinghamshire Family Learning

Are you worried about your child's well-being?
Are they anxious or stressed?

Would you like to help your child build confidence and resilience, and have positive relationships?

Supporting your child's well-being for KS3 parents

If your child is in Years 7, 8 or 9 then our FREE online workshops could be for you.

Help your child build Confidence and Resilience:

Monday 24th January 12.30-2.30pm [Help your Child build Confidence and Resilience](#)

Support your child's well-being (coping with anxiety and stress):

Monday 31st January 12.30-2.30pm [Support your Child's Well-Being](#)

Help your child build Positive Relationships:

Monday 7th February 12.30-2.30pm [Positive relationships](#)

To book your place, please visit:

Use the links above or phone 01296 383582

For more information contact Mandy on 07825 862029



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