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Message from the Deputising Principal

The sun is once again shining down on us at Chiltern Hills Academy. May I please ask parents to ensure that students have water with them, so that they can keep hydrated during the day. We do have water fountains for them to fill bottles up during break and lunchtime. It is also the case that, whilst the weather remains hot, students do not need to wear their blazers. I will keep you updated about this in the coming weeks.

We held our first Parent Forum meeting since September on Wednesday last week. We had several staff in attendance – Mr Griffiths, Mrs Conway, Mrs Collier-Radford and Mr Humphrey. It was a positive evening and I have included responses to a number of questions that were asked for you to look at in this newsletter. It was so good to be able to listen to parents and respond to their questions. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those parents who attended. The next Parent Forum meeting is on 12 July.

This week, sees the penultimate week of GCSE and A Level examinations and it is clear that our Year 11s and 13s are still working very hard to attain the best grades they can. We will send out information about the results collection process soon, so that you know what to do in order for students to collect their results. We are also busy visiting our primary feeder schools. Mr Humphrey and Mrs Collier-Radford have already spent time at a number of schools, talking to our prospective Year 6s and planning the Year 6 Transition Evening on Monday 3 July and the Transition Day on Tuesday 4 July. Mr Aslam is also busy arranging the Transition School for our Year 6s to be held during the summer holidays.

It was such a pleasure to be part of the Chesham Carnival on Saturday. I spent five hours cooking hundreds of burgers, sausages and rashers of bacon for the residents of Chesham. There was such a strong sense of community and it was wonderful to welcome Mr Patrick back to support the PTA in the barbequing endeavours. I would like to thank the PTA for their hard work throughout the day to ensure that everything ran smoothly. They really are a very committed group of parents and friends of Chiltern Hills.

Parent Forum Responses

At the parent forum on Wednesday 7 June the following issues were raised by parents.

1. What is happening with regards to the current leadership of the school? A response to this can been seen in the Governor message contained in this newsletter.

2. Communication with Governors is not consistent.

As a result the Governors have written a message within this newsletter.

3. Parents were concerned about staffing levels in the school with rumours that numerous staff have left. Since Easter, there have been nine resignations and we are now almost fully staffed for September. Given the national picture of teacher shortages we are very pleased to be in this position.

4. What are we doing as a school to support Year 7 in terms of teaching?

For September we will timetabling this year group first (they will then be Year 8), so that they get less split classes. They will also be taught in sets for English, Geography, History & PRE and Science & Mathematics.

5. The setting of homework and the use of Show My Homework (SMHW) is not consistent.

The school is reviewing the setting of homework and a working party led by Mr Vadiraju has been set up to ensure that homework is a priority and a plan is ready to implemented for September.

6. Parents want better communication with staff.

We are in the process of updating staff email addresses on our website. These should be ready in the next couple of weeks. Parents are very welcome to contact any member of staff.

7. Will Spanish A Level be offered from September?

Spanish A Level will be offered as long as enough students opt for it.

Chair of Governors – Academy Development

It was great to be at the Academy last week to see the students back from half-term and fully immersed in their studies.

Since the beginning of the summer term, Chiltern Hills Academy has been working with the Diocese of Oxford to support Mr Dobbs, Mr Griffiths, Mrs Conway and the rest of the Academy staff to create and implement a new Academy Development Plan. As part of this, both the governors and the Academy leadership team have been working with leaders in other schools in the Diocese to gather expert guidance and share best practice.

The purpose of the Development Plan is to ensure that Chiltern Hills Academy is in the best possible place to deliver our aim of ensuring CHA is a child-centred, fully inclusive school where we work together to support all our students to unlock their true potential both within and outside the classroom and where staff and our community are valued and enabled to provide an outstanding education for all.

As with all secondary schools across the UK, Chiltern Hills is finding it challenging to recruit staff. However, Mr Dobbs and the CHA team have been working tirelessly to provide both short and long term solutions to these issues and excellent progress has been made. This leaves the Academy in a good position for next term.

As we look towards the end of this academic year, the Governors and the leadership team will meet for a Strategy Workshop in July to review the progress made in the last academic year and ensure that the Academy Development Plan for 2023/24 is focused on the appropriate areas.

On behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to thank all the staff and parents/carers of students at Chiltern Hills Academy for their support and efforts over the last year. In particular, I would like to thank Mr Dobbs for deputising as Principal over the last few months. As soon as I am able to share any further update with regards to the CHA Principal, I will, though this is not possible at this point in time.

I wish the very best to those students who are in the last few days of their exams and hope all students have a productive and enjoyable last half of the summer term.

Mr Andrew Brown Chair of Governors

Diary

Date	Event
15 May – 27 June	GCE/GCSE Examinations
19 – 30 June	Y10 and Y12 Mock Exams
19 – 20 June	Y6 Soft Landing Transition, 10.00am to 2.45pm
22 June	Sports Day
30 June	Y11 Leavers' Assembly, 11.30am to 12.30pm Y11 Prom, 7.00 to 10.00pm
1 July	CHA PTA Football Tournament, all day
3 July	Chiltern District Championships Athletics, all day Y6 Parents' Evening (for September intake), 6.00 to 7.30pm
4 July	Y8 Work Shadowing Day Y6 Induction day
4 – 5 July	DofE Bronze Award qualifying expedition
7 – 9 July	DofE Silver Award qualifying expedition
12 July	Parent Forum meeting, 6.00pm
10 - 14 July	Y12 Work Experience Week
11 July	Dance – Summer Showcase, 7.00 to 8.30pm
12 July	Y9 trip to Hampton Court
13 July	Y10 trip to Hampton Court
14 July	Y13 Leavers' Assembly, 11.30am Y13 Prom, 6.30 to 10.00pm
21 July	Last day of summer term, school closes at 1.00pm

Parent Meetings

Working in partnership with parents/carers is a crucial aspect of ensuring the highest of outcomes for our students. Your role is invaluable in maintaining high standards and we very much value your views. We are delighted to offer face-to-face bookable appointments with the Senior Leadership Team. These 15 minute appointment slots are available if you have anything that you wish to raise or share. If you would like to book an appointment, please contact Mrs Sanders: wsanders@chacademy.co.uk to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Safeguarding – County Lines

County Lines gangs are highly organised criminal networks that use sophisticated, frequently evolving techniques to groom young people and evade capture by the police. Such gangs operate throughout the country, including in our local area. Please follow the link below to more information from the NSPCC about County Lines. It is important that we all familiarise ourselves with the signs that a young person may be involved in criminal exploitation and understand the response and reporting procedures available.

https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/child-abuse-and-neglect/county-lines

Mrs J Conway
Designated Safeguarding Lead

PTA News

What a fabulous time we had at Chesham Carnival on Saturday. The sun shone and the PTA spent their day barbequing for the crowds of Chesham. We do hope that you were able to visit us. Many thanks not only to the PTA members, but also to other parents who were able to help us on the day. Your help was really appreciated and we really could not have run the event without you. Many thanks also to Mr Dobbs and Mr Patrick who were there to help out. It was so lovely to see many of our past and present students laughing and chatting with them and catching up on their news.

Our next event is **Saturday 1 July** when we support Chesham United Football Club with their Youth Tournament. We definitely need more help on the day, on a slightly larger scale than the Carnival barbeque, but we will be using ovens instead of the barbeque and there will not be any gazebos! Please consider volunteering to help on the day, as all help will be more than gratefully received. Just contact us at the usual PTA address below.

Mrs S Webb Chairperson CHA PTA chapta@chacademy.co.uk

Student Contact Details

It is vitally important that the school holds the correct contact details for all of our students.

If you have the SIMS app, please would you check <u>all details are correct</u>, **especially** phone numbers and email addresses. Any updates can be made if you go on your child's name and then click the Data Collection box and we will then be able to update our records.

Alternatively, you can use the following link - https://www.chilternhillsacademy.co.uk/parentinformation and then fill in the 'Updating your contact details' form and email it to mkhurshid@chacademy.co.uk, or return the form to Student Servies for us to update our records. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Mrs M Khurshid Student Services Administrator

Sports Day – Thursday 22 June

We would like to invite you to Sports Day on Thursday 22 June.

Parents are welcome to join us for the afternoon, where they will see all track events (excluding 1500m). The event will begin at around 1.10pm, so please arrive at any time after 12.30pm. The event is planned to finish roughly between 3.10pm and 3.20pm.

Please confirm your attendance by completing the Microsoft Form here (the deadline for responses is midnight on Sunday 18 June):

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=OPAGdXcKEU2XMOmg-SicyLz3vmSCrU5Jtklyox5G4VVUQVBOV05ZSFdWTEVMRlpLM0E5SFBGTVFTVS4u

If you have any questions or issues, please email Mr Muddiman: gmuddiman@chacademy.co.uk or Mr Sperring@chacademy.co.uk

Mr G Muddiman and Mr O Sperring Teachers of PE

Eid ul Adha

Eid ul Adha is a very important festival, celebrated among Muslims all over the World in remembrance of the sacrifice that Prophet Ibrahim (A.S.) made of his strong faith in Allah. Ibrahim (A.S.) showed a willingness to sacrifice his son Prophet Ismail (A.S.) but his son was replaced with a lamb by Allah. Allah was so pleased with

Ibrahim's (A.S.) submission to him that he made this demonstration of sacrifice and faith a permanent part of a Muslim's life. This event is mentioned in Quran - Surah As-Saffat (37:102).

When is Eid ul Adha 2023?

Eid ul Adha 2023 or Bakra Eid 2023 is expected to be celebrated on **Wednesday 28 June** this year. This is the tentative date, as the actual date is contingent on the sighting of the moon of Dhul Hijjah, 1444, the twelfth and last month of the Islamic Calendar.

Celebrating Eid ul Adha 2023

If you are celebrating Eid, please remember that only one day is given for this and only one day will be authorised for any absence.

Please inform us of your intention to celebrate Eid by completing the online form on our website using the following link https://www.chilternhillsacademy.co.uk/absencereportingform

Miss N Nash Attendance Officer

Student of the Month

Forename	Form	Student of the Month May
Dexter	7CHB	for consistently displaying great work in MFL
Daisy	7GAU	for hard work in History
Buse Su	8POL	for excellent attitude to learning in MFL
Ryan	8POL	for working well in the Library and producing a high quality of work
Yee	9JAD	for being a star student in MFL
Harry	9ANN	for always being engaged and focused in English
Campbell	10SDR	for excellence in the Business test
Willow	11JAL	for pushing herself in Spanish
Jackson	12JEC	for outstanding effort in Business
Ben	13AHE	for excellent Business results
		Student of the Month May – Design and PA
Lila	70LS	for a positive attitude and hard work in Dance
Ebru	8ALP	for a positive attitude and hard work in Dance
Marlie	9CAG	for a positive attitude and hard work in Dance
Норе	10UMA	for a positive approach to her studies in Dance
Emma	11AHA	for a positive approach to her studies in Dance
Otto	12CHP	for best drawings in Art ever seen by Mr Gilbert
Рорру	12CHP	for constant effort in Art despite not believing in herself

Y11 and Y13 ParentPay Balance

If your child has an outstanding dinner money balance, please contact The Pantry directly on 020 8813 7040 and ask for the Finance Department or, alternatively, send an email to finance@thepantrycatering.co.uk They will need your child's name, form and your bank details to process a refund directly to you. We are unfortunately unable to do this in school.

Ms E Craddock Finance Assistant

Careers

On Friday just before half-term, we were delighted to welcome Jack Armstrong to Chiltern Hills Academy, who is the Client Director at Richardsons Chartered Accountants in Thame.

To begin with, Jack attended the Y10 assembly to present a competition prize from the Bucks Skills Show, which the students attended in March. The lucky winner of the Amazon vouchers was Tommy – Congratulations Tommy! Jack then kindly led an interactive session with a group of interested Y12 students to talk about Careers in Accountancy – discussing what accountants do, different types of accountancy and routes into the profession. It was a lively session with plenty of Q&A for our students, who learnt a lot from this industry expert.

Mrs A Hemsworth Careers Lead

Young Enterprise

On Wednesday 25 May our Young Enterprise team "Willow Branch" attended the Regional Showcase Final, having previously won the Chiltern District local competition earlier in the month. The event was held at the University of Buckingham and we were joined by eight other finalist teams – two others from Buckinghamshire, three from Berkshire and two from Oxfordshire. The South-Central Regional area comprises 107 teams from 102 different schools, so we were thrilled to be down to the final nine.

The students set up their trading stand and were interviewed by the judges. They then had time to rehearse their pitches, before the guests and parents arrived and the final presentations began. Whilst the judges deliberated, the students enjoyed a short interval and some pizza before the awards ceremony, where prizes were awarded for Sustainability, Innovation and Creativity, before the overall Winner was announced. Sadly, that was not our team, but Willow Branch gave a fantastic performance and can hold their heads high – they are winners in our eyes, and we are very proud of them.



Mrs A Hemsworth Young Enterprise Lead

Sixth Form Corner

Another week of exams for our hard-working Y13 students, who are rising to the challenge and giving their best for their final examinations – keep up the good work!

We look forward to the Y13 Prom on Friday 14 July. Please would parents make their final instalment payments on ParentPay; and make a note in your diaries for the Leavers' Assembly for Y13 students and parents, which will be on Friday 14 July at 11.30-1.00pm. We look forward to seeing you at this celebration.

Last week our Y12 students enjoyed a LinkedIn workshop, delivered by Mary Cloake, a skills adviser from Buckinghamshire Business First. This useful workshop explained to the students all about this useful professional platform as a means of ensuring "Your CV never sleeps" and the role of the platform in recruitment, job seeking, research and linking with industry professionals. The session also gave some useful tips as to how to create an "All-star" profile. We hope all our Y12 students will engage with this platform and we encourage them to follow the Chiltern Hills Academy LinkedIn profile to connect with hundreds of our current and Alumni students.

Mrs A Hemsworth and Mrs E Mellish Sixth Form Academic Year Leaders

Y8 and Y9 Rounders Tournament

On Tuesday 7 June, we took 10 students to Amersham School to represent the Academy in the first of many summer rounders tournaments. Their expectations were low, as they said they had not played a match for a couple of years.

However, their collective performance was outstanding, winning two out of three of their group games against Burnham Grammar and the hosts, Amersham School, before going on to draw the final one. This meant that they went through to the semi-finals to play against Chesham Grammar A team. Unfortunately, this is where the tournament came to an end for our girls with the Grammar scoring an impressive 13.5 rounders from 20 balls.

Overall, they represented the Academy excellently and have given the perfect platform for a successful summer term of

rounders at Chiltern Hills Academy. A special mention to Leyla for her performance on the day, scoring 3.5 rounders across the 4 matches!

Then, on Tuesday 13 June, we travelled across to Chesham Grammar for another rounders tournament, this time it was Year 8! The girls were a delight to take across and represented the Academy in an amazing fashion. We look forward to the Year 7 tournament in a few weeks' time.

Football Tournament

On Friday, we took a group of 11 students to Dr Challoner's High School to take part in a girls' football tournament. The aim of the day was to improve engagement in football for girls, providing more opportunities for them. It was excellently hosted by some Year 9 students at DCHS, with the hope that our Year 7s can host a session for other schools in the future!



Tri-Golf Festival

On Tuesday, we had students from Years 7-10 help with a Tri-Golf festival that took place at Chiltern Hills Academy. Over 250 primary school students attended, taking part in 8 different golf-based stations led by our wonderful students.

It must be said that this was by far the best festival I have been involved in since joining CHA, with all leaders/station runners performing outstandingly. Every member of staff from the primary schools were incredibly complimentary of the way our students behaved on the day. Those helping showed all the CHA values whilst representing the Academy brilliantly.



We look forward to hosting more festivals in weeks to come now that the summer season has arrived! Mr O Sperring
Teacher of PE

Current Vacancies

Executive Assistant to Principal

35 hours per week, term time plus INSET days, plus 4 weeks (43 weeks with 5.1 weeks holiday pay) Bucks Pay Point 5-6 (£29,192 - £35,715 pro rata) dependent on experience

Permanent contract, required from September

We are seeking to appoint a highly organised and flexible EA to the Principal, who will act as a main point of contact for the Principal to provide professional, confidential and efficient administrative support. They will deliver exceptional levels of customer service and will pro-actively manage the Principal's diary together with a variety of other tasks.

The person we are seeking will be a clear thinking individual with initiative and a 'can do' attitude. Someone who acts with integrity and discretion who is able to relate well with people across the school and our external partners.

The role will suit a first class administrator with excellent time management, communication, (written and verbal) and IT skills and a proven track record of providing high level administrative support to senior level, preferably at a school.

Closing date for applications: Friday 23 June

Alternative Provision Tutor

Term-Time, Permanent
Bucks Pay Range 3 (£24,310- £26,295 pro-rata)
Required from 1st September 2023

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and passionate Alternative Provision Tutor to provide teaching support to improve the learning opportunities of those students who are not attending school due to being signed off as medically unfit. The successful candidate will provide a complementary service to teaching and support staff in an off-site setting (home, library or other appropriate venue) and will work co-operatively with key staff to ensure progress and achievement for our young people.

Closing date for applications: Friday 30 June 2023

Science Technician

25 hours per week, term time plus INSET days (39 weeks with 5.1 weeks holiday pay) Bucks Pay Point 2:11 (£21,879 pa FTE pro-rata, £12,471 pa actual)

Permanent contract, from 1st September

Applications are invited for a part-time Science Technician. The hours of work will be 10.00am to 2.30pm with half an hour unpaid lunch break. Responsible to the Head of Science, the role involves maintaining a high quality technician service to the science laboratories by supporting the teaching staff in meeting the needs of students in support of the curriculum. Previous experience of working in a lab would be preferred but training will be given.

Closing date for applications: Friday 16 June 2023

DT Technician

30 hours per week, term time plus INSET days (39 weeks with 5.1 weeks holiday pay) Bucks Pay Range 2 (£21,879- £23,961 FTE) pro-rata Permanent contract, from 1st September

We are seeking to appoint a Design Technology Technician.

Responsible to the Curriculum Leader of Design, the Technician will contribute to the efficient running of the Design Department. They will be responsible for the preparation of materials and equipment, stock checking, storage of students' work, worksheets etc. and assisting students as directed by the Curriculum Lead.

Closing date for applications: Friday 30 June 2023

Senior Science Technician

32.5 hours per week, term time plus INSET days (39 weeks with 5.1 weeks holiday pay) Working pattern 8.30am – 3.30pm daily excluding 30 min unpaid lunch break Bucks Pay Point 4 pro rata (£26,477 - £28,645 per annum FTE) dependent on experience Permanent contract, required to start as soon as possible

Applications are invited for a Senior Science Technician. The hours of work will be 8.30am – 3.30pm with half an hour unpaid lunch break. However, flexibility is essential for this role. Responsible to the Director of Science, the role involves maintaining a high quality technician service to the science laboratories by supporting the teaching staff to meet the needs of students in support of the curriculum. We are fortunate to enjoy state-of-the art science facilities.

We are seeking a responsible, methodical individual to provide practical assistance and advice to the Science Department and lead the other two technicians to support the achievement of outstanding outcomes for our students. Previous experience of working in a lab would be preferred but training will be given.

Closing date for applications: 18 June 2023

Site Manager - casual hours

Hourly rate £11.87 - £13.34 dependent on experience Required as soon as possible for an immediate start

We are seeking to add to our existing team to assist Site Management in the running of the Academy's facilities. They will work as an integral part of the team and be responsible for all aspects of site management, including health and safety, cleanliness and security. Flexibility to work differing hours, including evening and weekends to cover absence, school events and evening lets when the facilities are hired to external users.

Interviews will be arranged as applications are received

Learning Support Assistant

32.5 hours per week, term time plus INSET days (39 weeks)

Working pattern: 8.30am – 3.30pm Monday to Friday. Salary: Bucks Pay Range 2 £20,258 - £22,766 pro rata (actual £15,092 - £16,960) dependent on experience.

Permanent contract, required for immediate start

We are seeking to appoint enthusiastic and committed Learning Support Assistants to join us. SEND students are at the heart of our Academy and this role is integral to helping some of our most vulnerable students to progress and succeed. Do you have:

- A passion for education and for lifelong learning?
- The ability to relate to young people, to support their increasing resilience and inspire them to become independent, enthusiastic learners?
- Excellent communication skills, a flexible approach and a sense of humour
- Empathy, patience and understanding

This is a fantastic opportunity for someone who may be considering a career supporting academic and pastoral progress. You may also be interested in progressing to a career in teaching but looking to first gain experience in a school environment. Training will be provided so no prior experience is necessary within a school setting, although this would be advantageous.

Interviews will be arranged as applications are received

Cover Supervisor

32.5 hours per week, term time plus INSET days (39 weeks with 5.1 weeks holiday pay) Working pattern 8.30am-3.30pm daily excluding 30 min unpaid lunch break Bucks Pay Point 4 pro-rata (£25,216 – £27,281 per annum FTE) dependent on experience From September 2023

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and motivated individual to supervise students during the absence of a teacher. The successful candidate will ensure that students carry out a prepared lesson and respond to their questions appropriately. They will create an effective learning environment through positive classroom management including taking responsibility for the students' behaviour and safety. You will need to be pro-active, organised, enthusiastic and able to use your initiative. The ability to use IT effectively in the classroom is a necessary requirement. A willingness to be flexible and develop as a professional are desirable attributes of the ideal candidate.

For more details please go to chilternhillsacademy/staffrecruitment

Completed applications should be submitted by email to HR@chacademy.co.uk and should include a letter indicating your strengths for this position. Please note we cannot accept CVs. Applications should include a letter indicating your strengths for this position. The school reserves the right to close the advert early if the right candidate is found.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share in this commitment. All staff appointments are subject to preemployment vetting checks which include an audit of social media presence and an enhanced DBS check. Chiltern Hills Academy is an equal opportunities employer.

Principal: Ms S Chapman Chiltern Hills Academy Chartridge Lane, Chesham Buckinghamshire HP5 2RG

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UKRAINE FRIENDSHIP BOX DONATION POINT

TUESDAY 20th JUNE 2023 • 5-7PM LEY HILL MEMORIAL HALL, CHESHAM HP5 3QR

1st Tylers Hill Scout Group and Rotary GB&I Ukraine Crisis Taskforce are looking to provide Friendship boxes for children who are suffering the trauma of war, seeing things they shouldn't be seeing and having their education disrupted in the Ukraine.

We are aiming to help as many children as possible by collecting, small, interesting and stimulating items to entertain children whilst in shelters or at home. Items we are collecting are pencils, crayons, books for colouring, puzzles, reading books and good wishes cards which will then popped a small box and distributed to children aged 5-8, 9-12 and 13-16.

If you would like to contribute then please visit the above donation point or scan the QR code to visit our Amazon gift list.

Thank you.





Scan for gift list

Charity number: 300682