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## Message from the Deputising Principal

We have had another very busy week at the Academy as we get ever closer to the Summer Holidays. Last week we had a fabulous send off for our Year 11, as they completed 5 years at Chiltern Hills Academy. We had an assembly, where memories were shared, numerous awards given and received and speeches made, as well as dancing and singing. This was followed by a brilliant Year 11 Prom. The students looked amazing and, along with staff, they danced the night away.

On Monday we welcomed our Year 6 parents and carers for our annual Year 6 Transition presentation. This was followed on Tuesday by the Year 6 Transition Day. We had 180 Year 6s spending the day with us, finding out about CHA, attending lessons and assemblies in readiness for their new start in September. Tuesday also saw our annual "Take your child to work day" for Year 8 students. This was a great careers opportunity for all of Year 8 to experience the world of work as part of our CHA careers programme.

This week we continue to plan for our Chiltern Hills Culture Day on Wednesday 19 July when students will have the whole day gaining a range of experiences reflecting the wealth of cultures at the school. Students can all take the opportunity to come to school wearing clothes that reflect their own culture. We have arranged talks from members of the local community, sessions in classrooms relating to world culture and The Pantry are planning a World Food menu. The next day will be our annual Activity Day and all year groups will have a variety of year group activities in which to take part.

On Friday 14 July, will have a non-school uniform day to support the local community event, "Peace in the Park". As you know, this is an annual Chesham event which is aimed at raising money and awareness to promote peace around the world. This is such an important event for us to support as we find ourselves in a world where peace is so fragile and members of our own school community are having to deal with difficult events in their lives as the result of war in their own country. Students will be able to come to school in non-school uniform and we ask that they contribute £1.00 for this privilege.

As we approach the end of term, I am feeling very excited about the plans in place for September. We have lots of interviews taking place for support staff roles in the coming week, as well a small number of teacher roles. I know that the staff at Chiltern Hills are all working incredibly hard to ensure that we have a good end of term, but also that the start of the new school year in September is a positive experience for all, where we focus on providing the best education we can for all our students.

Thank you to you all for your ongoing support and commitment towards us as we continue to strive to provide the best education we can for our students. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or ideas you may have. You can contact me at [office@chacademy.co.uk](mailto:office@chacademy.co.uk)  
Tim Dobbs

## Diary

Date	Event
7 – 9 July	DofE Silver Award qualifying expedition
11 – 12 July	Art & Photography Exhibition
12 July	Parent Forum meeting, 6.00pm
10 - 14 July	Y12 Work Experience Week
11 July	Dance – Summer Showcase, 7.00 to 8.00pm
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
19 July	Culture day
20 July	Activity day
21 July	Last day of summer term, school closes at 1.00pm
17 August	GCE/BTEC result day, 9.00 to 10.30am
24 August	GCSE/CNAT/BETC result day, 9.00 to 11.30am Sixth Form enrolment, 9.30 to 11.30am
4-5 September	INSET days
6 September	First day of Autumn term 1 Y7 start at 8.40am, Y12 start at 9.30am
7 September	Y7, Y8, Y9, Y10, Y11, Y12, Y13 all return to school for 8.40am

## 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](mailto:wsanders@chacademy.co.uk) to arrange a mutually convenient time.

## Safeguarding

We are often reminded in our daily practice of the wide ranging needs of our students, especially in relation to mental health. Talking openly about mental health can reduce anxiety and stigma. We all have varied experiences and deal with situations differently and often, the older we get, the more adept we are at managing our mental health and wellbeing. At CHA we believe no child should be left alone to deal with a mental health concern and it is important that our student population have trusted adults they can talk to and know how to seek the support they need. Around one in six children experience a mental health problem and, sadly, the number of children referred for specialist support increased 134% from 2019/20 to 2020/21. We work closely with the Mental Health Support Team (MHST) and, if appropriate, refer children to this service as they offer support to those struggling with their mental health. In addition, we have recognised the need to develop this area of support at CHA and have trained additional staff to become Mental Health First Aiders.

### Our Mental Health First Aider team is as follows:

Mrs G Fulton-Willis	DSL/Mental Health Lead
Ms J Astles	Medical/Safeguarding Team
Mrs K Davenport	Library

Ms C Ghioni	Learning Support
Mrs A Salter	Art Technician
Miss D McCowan	Learning Support
Mrs S Mitchell	Drama Teacher
Mrs E Mellish	Curriculum Leader Media
Mrs M Khurshid	Student Services/Attendance
Ms R Hrabrowszki	Assistant Year Leader (Y8)
Mrs C Smith	Learning Support

If your child is worried or concerned about something and they would like to speak to one of our MHFAs we can arrange for this to happen and make sure they have the support they need. Alternatively, you can send an email to our Safeguarding Team who will be able to help: [safeguarding@chacademy.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@chacademy.co.uk)

Mrs J Conway  
Vice Principal

## PTA News

I just wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone who was able to help at the weekend to support our involvement with the Chesham United Football Tournament. What a day, it was marvellous to have so many parents (and also members of staff) join us as well it was a great team effort.

When the overall profits for the tournament are finalised, I will put this in the newsletter but I am sure that they are going to be quite substantial. This will be split 50/50 with Chesham United and will be a healthy addition to CHA PTA funds. To those of you who joined us, I hope that you enjoyed yourself and had a restful Sunday and hopefully you'll be able to help us on another occasion.

If anyone would like to be added to our WhatsApp list of parent helpers, please forward me have your mobile number and then we can arrange this. Who knows, you might even feel inspired to join the PTA. New members are always welcome and we really do need more support in September, as several of our members will be leaving us as their children leave the school - just let me know.

Once again, many thanks, your time and was really appreciated

Mrs S Webb  
Chairperson CHA PTA  
[chapta@chacademy.co.uk](mailto:chapta@chacademy.co.uk)

## Y11 Prom

On Friday 30 June Year 11 had their prom. The event was a massive success and was enjoyed by all. The night featured a DJ, photo booth, ice cream and pizza van, as well as table tennis and Pin the Positivity Glasses on Mrs Anning. We had over 150 people attending the event, including staff who no longer teach at CHA but wanted to come back and see the Year 11s.

Thank you to the PTA for their donations towards prom and all the staff who gave up their time to help set up.

Mrs J Lumsden  
Curriculum Leader for Dance



## Art Exhibition

On Monday and Tuesday we will be having our annual art exhibition after school. All students and parents are welcome to come to see the amazing art and photography work created by Year 11 and 13.

## Student Voice

It was a privilege to sit with a group of Student Voice students as they led part of the Assistant Principal interview process last week. Students demonstrated a high level of maturity as they devised questions and responded to the answers with challenge and integrity.

The students were:

Yee, Ella, Ruby, Felix, James, Kayley, Poppy, Oscar, Rahmi and Josh.

Well done to you all!

Mrs S Putman  
Director of English

## Returning Laptops Borrowed from School

Students who will be leaving school this summer need to return the laptops loaned to them. Laptops and chargers should be returned to Mrs Tole in the Cover Office near the staffroom or handed in to Reception.

Students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 who have borrowed a laptop can continue to use the device at home for homework.

Students in Years 11, 12 and 13 who borrowed a laptop need to return their device now please.

Thank you.  
Mrs R Tole  
Laptop Administrator

## 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 all details are correct, **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 fill in the 'Updating your contact details' form. You can then email it to [mkhurshid@chacademy.co.uk](mailto:mkhurshid@chacademy.co.uk), or return the form to Student Services for us to update our records. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Mrs M Khurshid  
Student Services Administrator

## Y6 Science

A group of children from Thomas Harding School came in to take part in Science lessons on Monday 19 June. They carried out practical work and had fun comparing their lung capacity, competing with Mr Humphrey (whom they let win). It was an interesting session which was enjoyed by all. We look forward to seeing some of those students in September.

Dr G Chahal  
Second in Science

## Kwik Cricket Tournament

On Thursday, the Academy hosted its final Primary School festival of the year; a Kwik Cricket tournament. Year 3 students from Our Lady's and Thomas Harding Primary Schools took part in what was a highly competitive afternoon of games. The leaders representing CHA from Years 7 and 8 had many more responsibilities this time around as they had to lead, score and officiate the games. Our leaders were sensational in the way they carried themselves, helping younger students understand the game as well as caring for them when they had their questions. It was a pleasure to be able to stand back and watch our students run a festival with very little help.



Mr O Sperring  
Teacher of PE

## District Athletics

On Monday, we took over 60 students, from Year 7 to 10 to Hillingdon Stadium for District Athletics. It was a great event; the students performed well and represented the Academy excellently. Competition was at a very high standard; despite this we did have some winners:

Ruby (Year 7) - 800m - Breaking her school record that she set on Sports Day!

Molly (Year 8) - High Jump

John (Year 8) - Shot Putt

In this photo, Barbara ends up winning this heat for the Year 8 Girls Relay team!



Overall, we came 6th, which is a massive improvement on last year's 13th place finish!

Mr G Muddiman  
Teacher of PE

## Duke of Edinburgh Scheme

On Tuesday 4 July, the Bronze qualifying expedition is taking place within the Chalfonts area of the Chiltern Hills. The 39 students taking part will brave wind and rain whilst carrying all they need over the two days. At the end of the week, the Silver Award students have an early start, departing in the school minibus at 6.30am to travel down to the Quantock Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty to undertake their qualifying expedition. They will spend the weekend trekking around the hills overcoming any team dynamics and navigational challenges they face along the way.

Is your child interested in taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme at CHA?



Please look out for the Registration of Interest Form which will be issued in next week's newsletter for students in Year 8 who are moving into Year 9 next year, or students higher up in the school who might like to undertake their Silver or Gold awards.



Mr S Driscoll  
Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator

## Drama Props Request

The drama department need help in obtaining an array of props and costume for our production of Oliver. If possible, we are looking for donations of any of the following:

Handkerchiefs	Blazers	Candelabra
Wine bottles	Tailcoats	Battery operated candles
Glass bottles	Wallets	Burlap Cloth
Top hats	Old watches	Victorian style tablecloths
Victorian Style Clothing	Old jewellery	Wooden boxes
Baker Hats	Wooden Pegs	

Anything else you think would enhance our set design! You can send your donations in with your child to be delivered to Ms Leathers in the Drama department. Thank you in advance for the support.

Ms P Leathers  
Curriculum Leader for Drama

## Y9 Drama Performance

On Friday 14 of July Year 9 pupils will perform snippets of, "The Play That Goes Wrong" to our Year 7 students. The students have been working hard to produce farcical, high-energy scenes that match the pace and chaos of a Mischief Theatre production.

Please congratulate our Year 9 cohort for performing in front of a large audience for the second time this academic year!



Ms P Leathers  
Curriculum Leader for Drama

On Thursday we were delighted to welcome Sgt Kendall from the RAF to talk to our Year 9, 10 and 12 students about careers in the RAF. Our students were surprised to learn about the range of roles available - only 15% of which are pilots! The students watched an impressive Top Gun style video about the work of the RAF and another clip detailing the roles on offer. Sgt Kendall explained their apprenticeship programme and the bursaries available to university students; not to mention their adventurous training and sporting activities. Sgt Kendall also talked about her own pathway (which included competing in wakeboarding) and the RAF application process. It was a great session and students were well engaged in the Q&A at the end. For further information about opportunities in the RAF, please follow this link

<https://recruitment.raf.mod.uk/?gclid=5c8f68ccd55a17c0fe2b0c69ebc60da8&gclsrc=3p.ds&msclkid=5c8f68ccd55a17c0fe2b0c69ebc60da8>

Mrs A Hemsworth  
Careers Leader

## Current Vacancies

Job descriptions are available to view on our website: <https://www.chilternhillsacademy.co.uk/staffrecruitment>

### Assessment Data Manager

**30 hours per week, term time plus INSET days (39 weeks with 5.1 weeks holiday pay)**

**Bucks Pay Point 3 (£24,310 - £26,295 pro rata) dependent on experience**

**Permanent contract, from September 2023**

The Academy is seeking to appoint a hardworking and motivated person to manage the Academy's assessment and tracking databases and provide analytical reports, student data and student reports.

**Closing date for applications: 5 July 2023**

Chiltern Hills Academy reserves the right to close and shortlist early, therefore early applications are encouraged.

### Attendance Officer

**32.5 hours per week, term time plus INSET days (39 weeks with 5.1 weeks holiday pay)**

**Bucks Pay Point 3 (£24,310 - £26,295 pro rata) dependent on experience**

**Permanent contract, from September 2023**

We are seeking to appoint an Attendance Officer who is required to join our Student Services Team to monitor and act upon unexplained and unauthorised absences. They will work alongside key staff in school to promote whole school attendance strategies, improve punctuality rates, reduce levels of absence and work with students and families to promote high levels of attendance. The ability to analyse data and be an effective communicator is essential.

**Closing date for applications: 14 July 2023**

Chiltern Hills Academy reserves the right to close and shortlist early, therefore early applications are encouraged.

### Exams Administrator

**20 hours per week, term time plus INSET days (39 weeks with 5.1 weeks holiday pay)**

**Bucks Pay Point 2 (£21,879 - £23,961 pro rata) dependent on experience**

**Permanent contract, from September 2023**

We require a part time Exams Administrator to assist the Examinations Officer. The role will involve all aspects of internal and external school examinations ensuring that the process runs smoothly and is delivered in a timely and accurate manner. The successful candidate will need to have excellent ICT skills with experience of Microsoft Office and the ability to work with spreadsheets (Excel). The post holder will also need to have excellent organisational and communication skills and be able to prioritise and work to strict deadlines.

**Closing date for applications: 14 July 2023**

Chiltern Hills Academy reserves the right to close and shortlist early, therefore early applications are encouraged.

## **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 7 July 2023**

Chiltern Hills Academy reserves the right to close and shortlist early, therefore early applications are encouraged.

## **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 7 July 2023**

Chiltern Hills Academy reserves the right to close and shortlist early, therefore early applications are encouraged.

## **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**

The Chiltern Hills Academy 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 7 July 2023**

Chiltern Hills Academy reserves the right to close and shortlist early, therefore early applications are encouraged.

## **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: Friday 7 July 2023**

Chiltern Hills Academy reserves the right to close and shortlist early, therefore early applications are encouraged.



## 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.

Taster Days are available for those interested in an LSA position. Please email [office@chacademy.co.uk](mailto:office@chacademy.co.uk)

Interviews will be arranged as applications are received

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For more details on our vacancies, please go to: [chilternhillsacademy/staffrecruitment](http://chilternhillsacademy/staffrecruitment)

Completed applications should be submitted by email to [HR@chacademy.co.uk](mailto: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 pre-employment 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

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***Time- 4:30pm - 7:00pm***

# Art & Photography Exhibition



## Family Support Service

How to deal with...

# Stress, Anxiety and Low Mood

Online course for young people



Would you like to feel better about life? Do you feel stuck and need some tips on how to move on?

If you're in school years 7 and above then our 2-day, interactive course could be for you!

### This course covers:

- What stress, anxiety and low mood actually are
- Strategies to feel better
- How to deal with setbacks
- Planning for a brighter future

You will need to be able to attend both days for a place on this course. Sessions will be held on Microsoft Teams.

**Book by 7 August 2023**

To secure your place, scan the QR code for more information.

If you need help email  
[earlyhelpduty@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:earlyhelpduty@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)



Tuesday 22 and  
Thursday 24 August



1:30pm to 3:30pm



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