Newsletter



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Message from the Deputising Principal

We are in the last week of the summer term and I want to thank all our parents and carers, the Chesham community, our students and all our staff here at Chiltern Hills for supporting us during the last term. We have achieved so much and I am very grateful to you all.

As I arrived in school today, the atrium is full of display boards representing the numerous countries of the heritage of our students. The entrance to the school is alive with colour, pictures and information about these places that are so significant to our students lives. This will be the first Chiltern Hills Academy Culture Day - the first of many - and is part of our plan to create an outward facing, student-centred and community- focused school. The day had been planned by Mr Vaddiraju and Ms Leathers and our staff will be delivering lessons to celebrate world culture. This is combined with the Activity Day tomorrow where our students will be involved in escape rooms, wide games, treasure hunts, activities on the field and our Year 12s will be heading to London for the London Challenge. These two days are such a great way to end the year for our students and provide them with a variety of opportunities to develop their character and interest.

We are saying goodbye to some staff on Friday. In my 34 years of teaching I have always found that staff in schools do come and go and it is always sad when this happens. However, schools are forward looking places and our students can look forward to a full set of teachers and support staff for the new academic year. The staff who are leaving us, with our very best wishes, are: Mrs Sanders, Mrs Hull, Mr Hanson, Mr Aslam, Mrs Chadda, Mr Smith, Mr Toovey, Mrs Keith, Ms Siggins, Mrs Vedpathak, Mrs Horridge, Mr Amoako, Mrs Cornford, Mr Mitchell, Mr Gilbert, Miss Dennehy, Miss Oughton and Miss Iqbal. I will update you of the names of new staff who join us in the first edition of the newsletter in September.

I would also like to inform you that we have appointed four Assistant Principals to begin working in key roles from September. They are:

Mrs Falcon: Assistant Principal, Teaching and Learning Mr Vaddiraju: Assistant Principal, Curriculum Mrs Collier-Radford: Assistant Principal, Inclusion Mrs Anning, Assistant Principal, Behaviour & Attitudes

Along with this we also have two new Heads of Key Stage:

Mr Humphrey: Head of Key Stage 3 and Transition

Mrs Rayner: Head of Key Stage 4

There is much planning and hard work going into getting ready for the next school year and I look forward to welcoming all our students back in September. We will be sending all the details of the new year out to you in a pack very soon.

I am pleased to inform you that, through our recent non-uniform day on Friday 14 July, we raised the sum of £487.20 in donations to the Peace in the Park event.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and all our students a brilliant summer. Stay safe. I look forward to seeing you in September.

Tim Dobbs

Diary

Date	Event
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

Safeguarding

Staying Safe online in the Summer Holidays

During the summer holidays, many students are likely to spend more time gaming and using other online platforms. The UK Safer Internet Centre has provided some useful tips on keeping children safe online. We hope that you find them helpful.

https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/staying-safe-online-in-the-summer-holidays

Mrs J Conway Vice Principal

ParentPay Balance

If your child has a dinner money balance on Parentpay, please contact The Pantry directly on 020 8813 7040 asking for the finance department or via email to finance@thepantrycatering.co.uk with your child's name and form. We are unfortunately unable to do this in school.

Ms E Craddock Finance Administrator

Student of the Month June/July

COMMITMENT TO LEARNING				
Forename	Reg	Comments		
Francisca	7HOU	for excellence in French		
Hala	7OLS	for always trying hard in Geography and positive attitude in English		
Jasmin	8EMM	for her love of books and never forgetting her library duties and excellence in French		
Joseph	8SAI	for being an excellent role model in Form		
Tristan	9CAG	for excellent development of reading skills in English		
Madlene	9ELR	for her hard work in English		
Rimsha	10FRN	for resilience and hard work in English		
Shivanshu	10SDR	for determination to succeed in French		
Charlotte	11DAA	for excellence in Science		
Deven	11JAL	for excellence in Science		
Lily-Mae	12JEC	for effort in all areas		

Flaviu	12JEC	for effort in all areas		
Chaden	13ELM	for excelling in A Level Science		
Ethan	13ELM	for outstanding work in Psychology		
DESIGN AND PERFORMING ARTS				
Forename	Reg	Comments		
Freya	7OLS	for hard work in Drama		
Erin	8ALP	for complex routines in Dance		
Louie	9GUC	for excellent performance in Drama		
Oscar	10SST	for excellent attitude in Drama		
Juliet	11SUK	for working hard in Drama		
Ellie	12CHP	for excellence in Art		
Lauren	13CLR	for commitment to Drama		

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

The expeditions this year in July for Bronze and Silver Awards were a great success, with everyone who took part in the expeditions passing with flying colours. The campsite owners have commented on how great our students were and, as Mr Dobbs mentioned last week, OceanRock Adventure, our approved activity provider, were full of praise for the way our students conducted themselves over the five days of expeditions. The Silver award students went further afield than we ever have before for DofE, travelling down to the Southwest of England to

the Quantock Hills. The scenery was beautiful, and the weather held out for us. I am immensely proud of the achievements of all the Year 9s, 10s and 11s who have taken part this year. They have pushed themselves out of their comfort zone and overcome challenges to provide them with valuable life skills.

I look forward to giving out certificates in the end of year assemblies this week to those who have completed their Awards over the last 12 months.



If you have any log-in issues with eDofE, or have any questions about the award, please contact sdriscoll@chacademy.co.uk over the summer (I do not have access to the DofE email address during the summer months).

I know many of you are keen to get students signed up for the Award next year. If you are interested, please use the following registration of interest form. It only takes 60 seconds to complete:

https://forms.office.com/e/PjACR523zj

I look forward to growing the Award offering at CHA, with more opportunities for outdoor adventures next year.

Mr S Driscoll

Duke of Edinburgh Award Coordinator



Dance - Summer Showcase

On Tuesday 11 July around 50 students from Year 7 to Year 13 performed in our annual Summer Showcase dance show. The students performed to such a high standard. It was a very memorable evening. Well done to everyone involved.

Mrs J Lumsden
Curriculum Leader for Dance

Y9 and Y10 Trip to Hampton Court

Last week, History students from both Year 9 and Year 10 were able to visit the glorious Hampton Court Palace and its stunning grounds.

Students walked through the Tudor parts of the palace, including the kitchens and the magnificent Great Hall. The walls are lined with the Abraham tapestries, whose cost, when made, was equivalent to that of a Tudor warship. They also spent time exploring the grounds, including the ornamental gardens which lead down to the river. Everyone even managed to get through the maze without getting completely lost!

Both days were blessed with dry, sunny weather and students were able to see how the Palace worked as both a home and a seat of government.





Mrs J Cross Teacher of History

Y10 Careers Talk

On Friday, a couple from a local business came in and spoke to Year 10 about career paths and their personal journeys in life. Zunera Diwan (KPMG) and Aqib Raja (CFA) talked about how life was much like a game of snakes and ladders. Both had different experiences and opportunities that led them to the

same career and eventually, getting married! This was a great opportunity for us, as students, to hear that, no matter how different we are, we could still make it to the same job later in life. We then had the chance to ask questions about their journeys.

Sally Freeman Year 10 Student Review

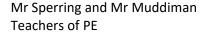




Netball Kits

On Thursday, we organised an in-house Netball game involving the Year 7 and Year 9 teams to showcase our sensational new netball dresses. A huge thank you to our sponsor, Melford, for working with us to get the kits. It was a great opportunity for the teams to become more familiar with one another before the 2024 trip to Barcelona organised by Mr Muddiman. This will be one of the first sports tours that Chiltern Hills Academy has ever been able to run!

We are really looking forward to what will be an exciting season of netball in 2023-24 with huge enthusiasm about the successes possible along the way.





Royal Geographical Society

Chiltern Hills Academy is proudly part of the Royal Geographical Society (RGS), 'Geography for All' project, which aims to address equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) in geography. As part of South Asian Heritage Month, we are celebrating and recognising the contributions of the South Asian Community to geography.

Last week, CHA students heard from a range of geography professionals including Bhavini, a Customer Success Manager and Adil, a GIS Consultant who studied geography in school and then at university. Although they each work in a variety of industries in different roles and careers such as town planning, customer management, GIS and the energy sector – the one thing all speakers had in common is that geography is at the heart of what they do. Students learnt and understood more about how studying geography has provided these people with useful skills to carry out their jobs on a day-to-day basis.

Ms L Wilkinson Curriculum Leader for Geography

Library News

We did it! The library now holds over 2,700 titles and more are coming everyday, thanks to our amazing Amazon Wishlist! I want to sincerely thank all the families that have bought a book or two for the library. The children are delighted to see the new titles. I am adding more every day, so if you want to buy the library a book, which will be very gratefully received, please click below:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2SA7D39VE70IR?type=shopping&filter=purchased&sort=default&viewType=list

I recently visited Caldicott Boys' School to visit Mrs Elson, their librarian, to get lots of fantastic ideas for the library for next year and, this week, Mrs Elson came to visit me. She was very impressed with how wonderful the library is and all our lovely new books. We have recently had many donations of revision books that the Year 10 and 11 will find particularly useful next year, so please make sure your child knows they can borrow them. Revision guides can be expensive, so having a large resource here in the library is invaluable for revision.

A small corner of our library is dedicated to our former student, Finn Wilcox, who sadly passed away last year. We created "the Sibling Library" in his honour, as when Finn was asked by Ms Siggins if he ever read at home his reply was, "I read to my siblings". So, we have some lovely books aimed at younger readers that our students can borrow to take home to read to younger siblings, or younger relatives. They just book them out, the same as the main library, and can borrow them for two weeks. Finn's mum visited the library this week and is delighted that it is being used to encourage young readers.



There is lots planned for next year; a literary evening, a library loyalty card to earn merits, Bookbuzz (Year 7 and 8) Readathon, World Book Day and so much more.

Our first year open as a new facility for the school has proved very successful; as a quiet place for Sixth Formers to study and for other students to revise or just come and quietly read. I look forward to seeing more students reading and using the library next year. Have a great summer reading!

Mrs K Davenport School Librarian

Y13 Leavers' Assembly and Prom

How wonderful it was to see our Year 12s this year gain so many certificates for their achievements, effort and application of CHA values. Congratulations on your successful year!

Likewise, the Year 13 Leavers' Assembly was well received and attended with many certificates awarded. The Head Students, Grace and Ben, gave pertinent and funny speeches, whilst Lauren did an outstanding dance piece and Zeina showed her directorial debut, with a tear-jerking music video.

Many of the form tutors had travelled with their tutees since Year 7 and so chose to attend the Prom to fully engage with the day and the final stage of the Year 13's journey with us. The Prom took place in Aldenham Golf & Country Club. The venue was a first for CHA and positively gleamed and glistened with the decorations designed by the Sixth Form Committee: balloon arches, mock photo booths, table centre pieces, memory montages but possibly the most fun was had from the presentation of the student awards - thank you, Talien and Felicity!

We would like to wish this wonderful cohort the best of luck with their A Level grades and all their future endeavours.

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

Numeracy Practice

What are the benefits of doing some Maths holiday homework during the holidays?

The summer holidays are to be enjoyed. Students need the time to rest, relax and do the things that they enjoy. However, six weeks is a long time. Many students would benefit from doing some maths during the summer holidays. It would help maintain the skills learnt at school and could be a great opportunity to focus on the areas they may need a bit more support with. There is often a dip in the academic abilities of students after the summer holidays.

Research suggests 30 minutes, 3 - 4 times a week, is a very effective way of helping children catch up, maintain or even improve their current levels, especially if it is one to one.

The Maths department has set work for each year group:

- Years 7 and 8 are taking home their Mental Arithmetic booklets that they have been using for numeracy this year. The link to the introductory, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 answer booklets are on Show My Homework for students to check their answers.
- Year 9 are being given a 5-a-day booklet. The answers for each booklet are on Show My Homework.
- Year 10 are being given a problem-solving booklet. The answers are on Show My Homework.

We will not be marking it, but we will be available to go through questions when students return to school in September.

Mrs K Smaje
Teacher of Mathematics

Exams – Results Collection Days

GCE/AS Level/BTEC Level 3 results will be available from school on **Thursday 17 August 2023.**GCSE/BTEC Level 1&2/CNAT results will be available from school on **Thursday 24 August 2023.**Students may collect their GCE/AS Level/BTEC Level 3 results between **9.00am to 11.00am** on Thursday 17 August and GCSE/BTEC Level 1&2/CNAT results between **9.00am to 11.00am** on Thursday 24 August 2023. The results will be available to collect by alphabetical order according to your surname.

Students should go directly to the main hall to collect their results. Parents can wait outside or in cars whilst students collect their results (students can open these outside with them, if they wish).

Results must be collected by the student who has taken the exams. If this is not possible, written permission should be given by the student detailing who will be collecting the results on their behalf. The representative collecting the results should bring the letter with them and a form of photo ID e.g., passport or driving licence. Unfortunately, if no photo ID or a letter from the student is provided, we cannot issue results.

Alternatively, if a student is unable to collect their results in person, they may be posted out to their home address. Please provide an A4 stamped addressed envelope for Mrs Dell, the Examinations Officer, and leave it in reception.

Post-results Services

What can I do if results are substantially different from what is anticipated and have concerns?

It must be remembered that examinations can only measure performance on the day, and that candidates can do better or worse than anticipated for a variety of reasons. It is advisable to obtain a copy of the script and mark scheme before proceeding to RoRs (Review of Results), which is very expensive. If there are serious grounds for concern about a result, then the school can initiate an enquiry with the appropriate board. Details of the procedures and the fees involved are available from the Examinations Office and are available on the CHA website. The process should be started as soon as possible after consultation with the head of department concerned. The final date for submission to the exam boards for post-results is **28 September 2023** (internal request deadline is **25 September 2023**).

Please note:

Candidates <u>must sign a consent form</u> before any Review of Results (RoRs) or access to scripts are processed. Payment of fees <u>must be made</u>, or your application will not be processed.

Services available are:

Service 1	Clerical re-check
Service 2	Review of marking
Priority Service 2	Review of marking for GCE with University places pending GCE
	Deadline 24th August 2023
Service 3	Review of Moderation
Priority Access to Scripts only	GCE Deadline 31st August 2023 and GCSE Deadline 7th
	September 2023
Non Priority Access to Scripts	28th September 2023 (internal request deadline 25th
deadline	September 2023)

All results collection times and post-results services, fees and consent forms can be found on the CHA website. Please follow this link: https://www.chilternhillsacademy.co.uk/school-life/curriculum/examinations

If you require any further information regarding results collection and post-results services, please contact Mrs Dell via email: tdell@chacademy.co.uk

We wish all the students the best of luck with their results.

Mrs T Dell Exams Officer

In memory of Finn Wilcox 21/07/2006 - 04/03/2022

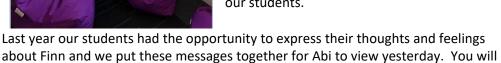
I would like to take this opportunity to remember a past student of Chiltern Hills. Finn Wilcox, you may remember, sadly died in March 2022. I was privileged to welcome his mum, Ms Gibbs, to our school yesterday and spend time talking about when Finn was a student at CHA.



It was lovely to be able to show her the Sibling Library, created in his memory. Finn had a love of reading and especially enjoyed reading to his younger sibling, Etta.

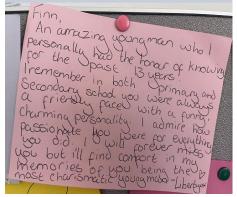
Mrs Davenport, our librarian, has created a dedicated space in our library in memory of Finn.

The 'Sibling Library' is where our students can borrow books aimed at younger readers. Finn's youngest sister, Floryn, spent some time in the library looking at the books we have available to our students.









We all remember Finn so fondly.

Wishing you all an enjoyable summer break.

Mrs J Conway Vice Principal



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PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE 6 WEEKS SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2023



COURTESY OF MONEY SAVING CENTRAL

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

TESCO

Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from Mon 24th July - Fri 1st September 2023

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

TRAVELODGE

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays & up to 2 Kids get free breakfast with 1 adult breakfast

PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

SIZZLING PURS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 & get one free kids meal all day, every day.

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

BILLS

2 kids eat FREE all day, every day from Monday 24th July - Friday 1st Sept 2023

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

SA BRAINS PUBS

Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Valid All Day Wednesdays

FUTURE INNS

Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal. During the school holidays

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

YO! SUSHI

From Mon 17th of July until Fri 11th of Aug kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

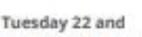
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M&S and Farmhouse Inns

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Thursday 24 August





1:30pm to 3:30pm





Buckinghamshire Family Learning

Help your child manage their Wellbeing with these FREE Online Workshops

for parents and carers with a child in Years 7-11 only

YEARS 7, 8 & 9

- Help your Child to Manage their Behaviours Monday 18 September - 6pm to 8pm
- Help your Child Build Confidence and Resilience

Monday 25 September - 7pm to 9pm

Help your Child to Cope with Stress and Anxiety

Monday 2 October - 7pm to 9pm

- Help your Child to Develop Positive Friendships and Manage Peer Pressure Monday 9 October - 7pm to 9pm
- Happy, Healthy and Safely Online-tips to Help your Child Monday 16 October - 7pm to 9pm

YEARS 10 & 11

- Help your Child Cope with Stress and Anxiety
 - Monday 18 September 7pm to 9pm
- Help your Child to Develop Confidence and Resilience Monday 25 September - 6pm to 8pm
- Help your Child to Develop Positive Friendships and Manage Peer Pressure

Monday 2 October - 6pm to 8pm



To book your place, please scan the QR or phone the Enrolment Team on 01296 383582.

For more information, text Lou on 07814 305345, with your name and the course date.





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