



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

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## Message from the Acting Principal

I am delighted to welcome you to Chiltern Hills Academy as we begin the new academic year. I hope that you have all had a great summer holiday and are enjoying the superb September weather. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new Year 7 students, parents and carers along with our Y12 students and their parents and carers in particular to those new families who have joined our Sixth Form. We look forward to working with you and to providing the best education for all our students.

I was so proud to celebrate the A Level/BTEC results with our Year 13 students on 17 August. We had so many exceptional results and once again our young people were able to continue their education at University or begin an apprenticeship. We then had the same experience the following Thursday as we celebrated the GCSE/BTEC results with our students. Once again students achieved a great set of results with over 70% of them achieving a grade 4-9 in English, Math's and Science. This is in-line with our best ever previous results. I would like to congratulate all our students who took examinations in June and wish them well with their future endeavors.

This week it has been an absolute pleasure to welcome all our students back to the school. On Wednesday we had 180 slightly nervous, but excited Year 7 students along with those joining our sixth form. Year 7 had an assembly with our local MP Sarah Green yesterday – this is the first school she has visited this term! She was warm, welcoming and so complimentary about them and they responded superbly to her.

Can I take this opportunity to thank you for the amazing efforts you have made to ensure that our students' uniform is to a high standard. I delivered 8 assemblies over the last 2 days and all of the students have looked smart and ready for the new school year.

We have so many exciting things to look forward to this coming year. We are determined to focus on learning and ensure that we provide our students with the best possible lessons and opportunities outside of the classroom. We have worked very hard to appoint new staff to the school and I am pleased to announce the following new staff appointments.

**NEW SUPPORT STAFF**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>ROLE</b>
Safia Akhtar	Exams Administrator
Tahira Ali	Science Tech
Sheika Chambers	Cover Supervisor
Kerry Downie	LSA
Soucrat Fatima	LSA (Cognition)
Melanie Gage	Attendance Officer
Noble Grace	Cover Supervisor
Ian Lowe	Clerk to Governors
Agnieszka Matuszewska	HR Administrator
Yvonne Miller	Senior Science Tech
Leesah Walters	Deputy DSL
Sarah Webb	Year 8 Asst Year Leader

**NEW TEACHERS**

Devesh Agrawal	Maths Teacher
Emily Bale	Dance Teacher
Joe Callender	Curriculum Lead PE
Brenton Carter	Maths Teacher
Christina Copsey	2 <sup>nd</sup> in English
Kenesha Dunn	Geography Teacher
Paul Ellis	Science Teacher
Nordalee Hewitt	Maths/Science teacher
Raine Lawson	Design and Tech Teacher
Natasha McMahon	Curriculum Lead Art & Design
Nadia Oosthuizen	English Teacher
Issac Owusu-Appiah	Science Teacher
Angela Phillips	PRE Teacher
Piers Posner	English Teacher
Lizzie Rowan	Humanities Teacher
Elliott Storey	English Teacher

We will also be launching a brand-new House System at the school. We have created 7 houses and every member of the school community will be a member of a house. This will be the focus of numerous competitions, events and challenges which will help our school community develop and thrive over the coming years.

I would also like to inform you that we are carrying out checks regarding RAAC (Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete) and have done our own internal checks as well as contacting Bucks County Council. So far, we have not found any evidence of this material in our buildings.

I am always available for you to communicate with about any issues, questions or suggestions you would like to make. Please do not hesitate to contact the [office@chacademy.co.uk](mailto:office@chacademy.co.uk) email and I will be very happy to engage with you. The support of our parents, carers and local community is so important to me and I am always happy to hear from you.

Mr T Dobbs

## Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
12 September	CHA-PTA meeting, 7.00 to 8.00pm
13-14 September	Y11 Geography trip to Walton- on-the-Naze
20 September	Parent Forum, 6.30 to 7.30pm
21 September	Y7 Parents' Evening with Academic Form Tutors, 4.00 to 7.00pm
25 September	Open Evening, 5.30 to 8.00pm
28 September	Open Morning, 9.30 to 11.00am
29 September	Macmillan Coffee morning (break time).
4 October	Open Morning, 9.30 to 11.00am
5 October	Drama trip to Aylesbury 'Peter Pan that goes wrong', 6.00 to 8.00pm
10 October	Drama Performance – Oliver the Musical, 7.00pm
10 October	CHA-PTA meeting, 7.00 to 8.00pm
16 October	Deadline for Oxford, Cambridge and Medical Universities
18-19 October	Y11 Geography trip to London Olympic Park
20 October	Wear it Pink for Breast Cancer
20 October	Last day of Autumn term 1, school closes at 3.15pm.

## Safeguarding

### Safeguarding Update

All CHA staff have had their annual safeguarding training during our INSET days. In addition, tutors have also shared important information about the Safeguarding Team, who's who and where they are located in the school. We have reminded our students of what to do if they have a concern and how this can be reported.

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Walters who started this week in the role of Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and also Mrs Collier-Radford for taking on the role of Designated Safeguarding Lead. We now have twelve trained Mental Health First Aiders, the most we have ever had at CHA. Posters have gone up around the school to help support students who may need to talk to an adult.

If you are concerned about your child or another then please let us know and send an email to [safeguarding@chacademy.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@chacademy.co.uk) and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

### CHA Safeguarding Team

Mrs Conway – Executive Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Collier-Radford – Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Fulton-Willis – Designated Safeguarding Lead and Mental Health Lead

Ms Astles – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Walters – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

## TikTok Challenge

In the previous few years, we have seen some of our children engage with TikTok challenges. Unfortunately, there has been yet another recent challenge that unfortunately has seen the tragic death of a child in Massachusetts, USA. The 'One Chip Challenge' involves participants to eat the hottest tortilla chip and try to tolerate the heat for as long as possible without taking on board any water. Thankfully the tortilla chips have been pulled from the shelves in the USA but these sorts of challenges have a habit of influencing children all around the world.

Here is one of many articles in the news this week if you haven't seen it.

<https://news.sky.com/story/one-chip-challenge-being-pulled-from-shelves-after-death-of-teen-12956929>

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