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Message from the Acting Principal

We are now into the third week of the new academic year and staff and students are very busy. Lessons are in full swing and students are focused and engaged in their studies. The Senior Team spend time during each day walking into lessons and talking to teachers and students about the work they are doing and how they are progressing. Visitors comment on the great atmosphere within the academy and students comment on how positive the school feels.

We do however, have a lot of work to do. I have been busy working with the Governors and the Senior Team to produce the Academy Development Plan for the year. It is now written and will be placed on the Chiltern Hills Academy website soon for all to see. This document helps us to set the direction for the school and provides a format by which we can ensure that we turn our vision for the school into reality. All the departments in the school will then use it to develop their own development plan for their area to support them through the academic year ahead.

The school is buzzing with sports teams and matches after school. Our football teams have represented the school well over the last 2 weeks and this will continue throughout the year. Last night the hall was full of students practicing for the upcoming production of Oliver the musical. It was so good to see so many students dancing, playing in the orchestra, singing and acting as they dedicate themselves to putting on the best show they can. I would urge you to buy your ticket for this event as soon as they become available. The dates for the show are Monday 9, Tuesday 10, Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 October 2023.

We are also very busy preparing for our Annual Open Evening on Monday next week (25 September). We will have all our teachers and staff and many students supporting the school as parents/carers and children from local primary schools come and visit us before deciding which secondary school to choose for the next stage on their education journey. On Monday afternoon I visited Brushwood school to talk to the Year 6 students. I am always so impressed with the atmosphere in the primary schools, and I spent a lovely hour talking to the years 6 students and answering a multitude of questions.

It was a real pleasure to attend the Peace in the Park celebration in Lowndes Park on Saturday. The community of Chesham is so caring and supportive, and I think we are lucky to have people like the local councilor, Parveiz Aslam, who work so tirelessly to organise these events for the local community. It was a pleasure to see

so many of the students from Chiltern Hills Academy taking part. I was served the most amazing chicken tikka wrap by some of our students who had been working since 7.00am that morning. I was also very proud to listen to the wise words about peace from the 3 Peace Ambassadors who are all at Chiltern Hills Academy - Hasnain Naveed, Aneesa Akram and Ismaeel Ahmed. The words they spoke were very powerful and certainly make us reflect on the wars and conflicts that are still ever present in our world and the impact that they have on millions of people. These children are our future, and we should unite together to strive to create a more peaceful world for them to grow up in.

Once again, I would like to thank you for all your support during the last week. The students at Chiltern Hills Academy are fantastic and you should be so proud of them for how they represent themselves at this school. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, concerns or ideas that you would like to raise. You can contact me at: office@chacademy.co.uk

Mt T Dobbs

Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
25 September	Open Evening, 5.30 to 8.00pm (School closes at 1.20pm)
28 September	Open Morning, 9.30 to 11.00am
29 September	Macmillan Coffee morning (break time).
3 October	CHA-PTA meeting includes AGM 7.00 to 8.00pm
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
9-12 October	Drama Production – 'Oliver' the Musical, 7.00pm
16 October	Deadline for Oxford, Cambridge and Medical Universities
18-19 October	Y11 Geography trip to London Olympic Park
20 October	Last day of Autumn term 1, school closes at 3.15pm.
30 October	First day of Autumn term 2, school starts at 8.40am
30 Oct to 10 Nov	Y11 and Y13 Mock Examinations

Safeguarding

A few days ago, I read an article in the news about period poverty and how it can impact school children. This problem has increased for many school children as the cost of living crisis continues.

The news article below found that 22% of children struggle to access basic period protection. This week we have placed posters in the girls' toilets to highlight this issue and provide signposting to seek help if they need to. To read the full article please see below.

<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/uknews/schoolgirls-struggle-to-access-basic-period-protection-research-suggests/ar-AA1gFbLv>

The government initiative, Period Products Scheme, ensures students receive period products when they need them by providing access to tampons and pads if students can't afford them, have forgotten to bring them in or perhaps have come on their period unexpectedly. We wouldn't want any of our students to experience a lack of period protection, or to miss schooling due to not being able to afford the basics or if they feel embarrassed about asking. We will be highlighting how we can support students with period protection through posters in toilets and on form room displays to ensure our students know where they can go to ask for help.

An article in Wales Online found 'A study of 2,500 parents of girls who menstruate, aged eight to 18, found period poverty is the reality for many, who can't always provide for their children during their time of the month. As many as 34 per cent say their daughter has left for school without the necessary supplies, while 14 per cent have taken the day off to avoid any embarrassment'

Parents, please speak to your children about this and share that we are here to support them and we will ensure we do as our posters say, 'We promise to be discreet!'

Please feel free to contact the safeguarding team and we will get back to you. safeguarding@chacademy.co.uk

Mrs Conway
Vice Principal

CHA Facebook/Instagram

Chiltern Hills Academy now has a Facebook and Instagram page dedicated to sharing advice and guidance around keeping our young people safe in and out of school. This year we are committed to increasing the range of ways we can signpost young people to help and advice, as well as creating several opportunities for them to report concerns discreetly.

We would invite all parents/carers and students to follow:

Facebook: CHA Safeguarding



Instagram: @chasafeguarding



Mrs Collier-Radford
Assistant Vice Principal (Inclusion)

Y9 Parents

Year 9 have started their GCSEs. You may remember we had an options parents evening back in May explaining the process, a student assembly, a straw poll, and final option choices.

We always get some minor movement of options, however, to be fair for teaching staff, admin staff and students, we will not be swapping students' GCSEs until after they have done one full term, we have always implemented this policy. Many students who wish to swap have not given the subject a chance, they need to ensure they have tried their hardest and completed the work. Changes will be made in January 2024; parents will need to email in and if there is room in the new subject, we will make the change. After the 31 January 2024 we will not be making any changes as this would have a detrimental effect on students learning. It is important that students are working hard before we facilitate any change in subject.

I would appreciate your support in this matter

Mr Griffiths
Vice Principal

Geography Field trip

The first GCSE Geography field trip took place in early September this year with Year 11 students visiting Walton-on-the-Naze in north Essex. The data collected and fieldwork experience will be used to answer questions in their GCSE exam.

The main study sites included Walton-on-the-Naze town and a section of beach to the north near the historic Naze Tower. Students conducted environmental quality surveys which will be used to assess the impact of tourism and then measured the drop height of the sand on either side of the groynes to find out how the hard engineering is affecting the process of longshore drift. This was in addition to field sketches, photos and beach profiling.

Ms Wilkinson, Curriculum Leader for Geography said, "We had a wonderful time putting theory into practice in an unfamiliar location. The coastline we studied has incredible natural features and controversial coastal management. It's a great place for a GCSE field trip."



Ms Wilkinson
Curriculum Leader for Geography

School Production - Oliver

We are now in the last four weeks before the show. We require all cast and band where possible to attend the following rehearsals in the school hall. We are also asking that cast attend the drama studio on Open Evening where possible.

Dates of show rehearsals:

- Thursday 21 September until 5.00pm
- Open Evening: Monday 25 of September – 5.30pm – 8.00pm
- Tuesday 26 September until 5.00pm
- Thursday 28 September until 5.00pm
- Saturday 30 September 10.00am – 2.00pm
- Tuesday 3 October until 5.00pm
- Thursday 5 October until 5.00pm IS CANCELLED - SCHOOL TRIP
- Saturday 7 October 10.00am – 4.00pm
- Sunday 8 October 10.00am – 3.00pm

Show dates and times:

- Monday 9 October – 7.00pm – 9.00pm
- Tuesday 10 October – 7.00pm – 9.00pm
- Wednesday 11 October – 7.00pm – 9.00pm
- Thursday 12 October – 7.00pm – 9.00pm

If possible, could students please start bringing to rehearsal a blazer, scarf and hat that look suitable for the Victorian era.

Ms Leathers, Mr Upton, Ms Mitchell. Ms Bale
Music, Drama, Dance Department

Y7 and Y8 Friendly Football Fixtures

This week we had the first fixture of the year in the form of a Year 7 & 8 Friendly Football fixture against the Misbourne. The game had a very tight first half, Misbourne took an early 2-0 lead; CHA levelled before half time with goals from Cora and Eileen. In the second half, CHA took control of the game thanks to a second goal from Cora, two from Ruby and a goal from Sienna. The game finished 6-2, a wonderful way to start the year!

This year the Year 7 & 8 Girls Football team have been entered into the county cup and national cup for the first time ever, an exciting time for our students at CHA.

In this photo, you can see the victorious team in our new Girls Football kit, which was made possible thanks to our sponsor Ahead Tuition. We are so grateful for them for supporting us in our aim to enhance our extracurricular offering.



Mr Muddiman
Teacher of PE

Y9 League Football Fixtures

On Thursday, our Year 9's hosted their first league match against Holmer Green School taking place at CHA. It was the first time that the team had worn the new kit with our brand-new sponsors.

After a tough first half, the CHA team found themselves 3-0 down at half time before a second half penalty wrapped things up for Holmer Green later in the game to seal the 3 points. Fortunately for this team, they have a fixture this week so will be looking to bounce back with a better result against Chalfont Community College.



Mr Sperring
Teacher of PE

Library News

It has been a fantastic first full week in the library, with many Year 7s coming in to read and see what we have on offer. Many new books are steadily arriving from the Amazon Wishlist. Thank you so much if you have donated a book. If you wish to purchase the library a gift, please see the link below:

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

Remember we have bookmarks for the children to take and loyalty cards for all; 1 sticker upon returning a book they have read and 8 stickers to get a prize.

In early December we are running a special Poetry Evening of Excellence in conjunction with Chapter Two book shop in Chesham. This will be held in the library. I will be speaking to each year group about it in the coming days. The theme for the evening will be "The Autumn Term" which covers a wide scope of the seasons, Guy Fawkes Night, Halloween and of course Christmas. The children can write about anything they wish as long as the theme of their poem is to do with this time of year. Perhaps they would like to write about cool, autumn evenings and the thoughts and feelings it brings? A crisp, snowy morning or an event that makes them happy or sad?

The poems will be read and judged by Mark Jackson-Hancock, the Manager at Chapter Two, and our Director of English Sue Putman. The poems will be divided into year group categories and the poets judged to be the winners will be invited with their parents to share their work by reading their poems at the Poetry Evening of Excellence in December, with hopefully a local poet joining us for the evening as well. There will be prizes for the overall best poem and a runner up.

Poems to be submitted to me, in the library, by Friday 17 November 2023.

I will be speaking to the children in their assemblies about this, but in the meantime, if they have any questions, they can come and chat to me in the library any time between 8.30am-4.00pm.

"Let your children see you slow down. Read a book, Walk in the woods, sip coffee in the early hours of the morning. Because when they grow up, they will know how to slow down too" - Angela Anagnost-Repke

Happy Reading!

Mrs Davenport
School Librarian

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