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## Message from the Acting Principal

I would like to start this newsletter by thanking all the students who helped at the Chiltern Hills Academy Open Evening on Monday night. The school was buzzing with live music, students playing sports on the AGP and in the sports hall, performing in dance and music, doing experiments in science, dancing in MFL and supporting many other departments. Not only this, but our Y7 and Y12 students acted as tour guides for the evening, showing over 200 families around their school. The comments we received from prospective parents/carers as they left the school were so positive and showed what a wonderful school we have. I would also like to thank Maria Rashid, John-Louis Duminy, Ruby Kirkham and Maksim Tverdov for speaking to parents and their children in the hall alongside me during the evening. I felt so proud of the students, all the staff and the school as whole for making the evening so successful.

Once again it has been a very busy week at Chiltern Hills. We have many clubs after school, and this is the season of football matches with many of our students in all years staying after school to compete against other local schools. The rehearsals for the production of 'Oliver' the musical continue to go ahead late into the evening. Please remember to book your tickets for this show. The production will be shown from Monday 9 to Thursday 12 October - giving you plenty of opportunity to come and watch. I know the students who her performing and helping are extremely excited and as a school we are looking forward to seeing it.

We are working hard to relaunch our student voice at the school. Assistant Principal for Inclusion - Mrs Collier-Radford is responsible for this area and has produced a PowerPoint for students to use during form time. We are hoping to appoint a student voice that reflects the full diversity of the Chiltern Hills Academy community and that can make a real difference to the lives of students in the school. I feel that it is so important for the school to listen to its students and act upon what they are telling us.

I would also like to remind everyone that our central Christian values include respect, compassion and love. These are such important human values and clearly reflect the way that we live our lives. I want the whole school to believe in and reflect each of these values, as I truly believe in the power of them. I would ask that you do discuss these values at home and talk about the importance of them in our everyday relationships with everyone we come into contact with.

As we move into October, I am pleased that students are coming to school

regularly, ready to learn and working hard in lessons. Once again, I ask you to always contact me if you would like to raise any questions, discuss any issues or suggest any ideas. Please contact me at: [office@chacademy.co.uk](mailto:office@chacademy.co.uk)

Mr T Dobbs

## Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
3 October	CHA-PTA meeting including 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

### Managing Fear and Anxiety

Returning to school can be a difficult time for some students, especially after the long summer holiday or on transfer from primary school. Some students experience feelings of fear and anxiety, which if not controlled can significantly hamper their mental well-being and achievements. Follow the link for information on managing fear and anxiety and please discuss it with your child. We would like all students to recognise that fear is a natural and controllable response and to have tools at hand to manage it, both for themselves and their peers.

[https://www.cmatrust.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Managing\\_Fear\\_and\\_anxiety\\_2021.pdf](https://www.cmatrust.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Managing_Fear_and_anxiety_2021.pdf)

At CHA we have lots of support available for students experiencing anxiety and fear so please do get in touch with your child's form tutor or the safeguarding team and let us know so we can explore the right support for them.

Last week in my assembly I spoke to all students about overcoming fear and it featured Musharaf Asghar, a young man who appeared in 'Educating Yorkshire' a programme from 2012, you may have seen it before. Musharaf had an extremely difficult time in school due to his debilitating stammer that prevented him communicating. Musharaf overcame so many obstacles in his life and now, ironically, is a Keynote speaker!

Here is a clip from his story, filmed six years later, and featuring him as an adult reflecting on his time at school and the support he had from Mr Burton.

<https://youtu.be/yIV3B4Or8JE>

Mrs J Conway

Vice Principal

Our safeguarding email: [safeguarding@chacademy.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@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 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

## Y10 and Y11 Theatre trip

### **Peter Pan That Goes Wrong**

On Wednesday 5 October, we will be going to Aylesbury Waterside Theatre to see Peter Pan That Goes Wrong. Please can we meet in the atrium at 6.00pm. We will not be stopping for food so please have dinner before! You may wish to bring some money for refreshments and a programme.

This trip is compulsory for GCSE students in Y10 and Y11. However, we have sold additional tickets. Form tutors have been provided with a list of who has a ticket. I will also display these names outside the drama studio.

If you no longer wish to attend the trip, please get in touch as I have many people on the reserve list.

Miss P Leathers  
Curriculum Leader for Drama  
[pleathers@chacademy.co.uk](mailto:pleathers@chacademy.co.uk)

## 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:**

- 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 looks suitable for the Victorian era.

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

## Curriculum and Progress Event (KS3 and KS4)

At Chiltern Hills Academy we understand and value the importance of school and home working together to support the success of our young people. To develop and improve this communication we will be delivering a curriculum and progress evening to each key stage. The aim of this event will be to empower parents and students with the knowledge, resources and guidance in how to maximise a young person's potential at CHA.

The curriculum and progress event will cover:

- Curriculum maps- what are they and where to find them
- The assessment cycle and how to read our progress checks
- Progress is not linear
- What is effective revision?
- Strategies to support the wellbeing of our young people

We understand that our families have different preferences, needs and commitments therefore we are offering a face-to-face event and/or access to a recorded session that covers all the topics listed above. Attendees at either event will receive electronic copies of the resources used. We encourage students to attend/engage with this event to support their understanding on how to maximise their potential at Chiltern Hills Academy.

Please click on the appropriate link to sign up for your desired session.

[KS3 \(Y7 and Y8\) Face-to-face event at Chiltern Hills Academy Tuesday 17th October 6-7pm \(RSVP required\) or recorded session to be sent via email](#)

[KS4 \(Y9, Y10 and Y11\) Face-to-face event at Chiltern Hills Academy Tuesday 3rd October 6-7pm \(RSVP required\) or recorded session to be sent via email](#)

We look forward to working with you all.

If you have any queries regarding this event, please contact Mrs Falcon on [SFalcon1@chacademy.co.uk](mailto:SFalcon1@chacademy.co.uk).

Any general queries regarding curriculum, progress, targets and assessment please contact Mr Vaddiraju on [RVaddiraju@chacademy.co.uk](mailto:RVaddiraju@chacademy.co.uk)

Mrs S Falcon  
Assistant Principal  
Teaching and Learning

## Duke of Edinburgh

We are launching this year's Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme for Y9 (Bronze), Y10 (Silver) and Y11-13 (Silver or Gold) very soon. I am currently working to finalise fees and dates for this year. We have an important guest coming in to speak to Y12s about completing the gold award during their remaining time at CHA whilst in the Sixth Form.

If you have not already completed the registration of interest form, please can you fill in the information in this form: <https://forms.office.com/e/PjACR523zj>

This takes no more than 1 minute to complete. At this stage, you are not making a commitment at all, but just showing interest in the scheme. This helps us to get an idea of numbers before fees are finalised.

Mr S Driscoll  
Duke of Edinburgh's Award  
Coordinator



## Interact Club

We are excited to update you on the Interact Club which was formed last year. As a student led club, we are working to form a sensory garden in the school and through the process, students will develop project management and business skills. We have volunteers from the Chesham Rotary Club who come into the school to mentor students. Joining this club teaches valuable life skills and counts as volunteering for those students who are part of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

The club meets every Tuesday from 3.30pm-4.20pm in Mr Driscoll's classroom (runs alongside year 7 enrichment).



Mr Driscoll  
Interact Club Lead

## Y11 Football Results

On Thursday, we travelled to Milton Keynes for a match against Akeley Wood School in the County Cup with our Y11s. The match was held in the highest spirits with sportsmanship shown from both teams for the duration of the game. At half-time, the score was 2-2 with CHA coming from behind on two occasions with goals scored from Oscar and then George. Two quick-fire second half goals from Akeley Wood meant that CHA had a mountain to climb. Henry pulled one back with 5 minutes to go forcing us to go all out for the win. The hosts finished the game with a goal to cement the victory finishing the game 5-3.

The Y11s face Chalfont Community College in their next match next week kicking off their league season.

Mr O Sperring  
Teacher of PE



## Y7 Football Results

The Y7 boys' football team kicked off their season this week with a 3-2 win over Highcrest Academy in the County Cup - a goal from Joe and two from Freddie secured the win.

Onto the next round!

Mr G Muddiman  
Teacher of PE



## Y8 Inter House Football Tournament

On Open Evening we hosted a Y8 Inter-House Football Tournament to show off our amazing Astroturf and to kick start the House System competitions. The students were a credit to the academy, and we received some excellent feedback from many of the primary school parents. The 8OLS team of Freddie, Siraj, Leo, Poppy, Arlo, Alex, Evelina, Josh, Orson and Rufus won the tournament; which marked a first win for House Luther-King!

Thank you to all students that helped with the tournament and in other areas of the PE department.



Mr G Muddiman  
Teacher of PE

## Library Update

We had a fantastic night in the library on Open Evening, I was delighted with how many, "wows," I heard as families came in our lovely library. I chatted to many parents who came last year when the library was newly open and, quite frankly, a little bare and who were now really impressed with what a wonderful space we have and all the lovely books. I do still need your help! I am 32 books away from 3000 titles, a huge milestone! If you have any good condition books, age 11-18 that you would like to donate, please drop them to our reception or use our amazing Amazon Wishlist, which is linked below. The books you kindly purchase are sent straight to the school.

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

This month I hope to go to Bookclub 66 (a discount book warehouse) to buy more titles for the school. Our amazing PTA make these trips possible. The children do look forward to "new book Monday".

I have had some enquiries already about the poetry night I am holding in December. Please do encourage your child to enter. There are posters in all form rooms, I have visited most year group assemblies, and they are welcome to come and chat to me in the library.

"Books don't just go with you. They take you where you've never been" - anonymous

Mrs K Davenport  
Librarian

CHA Student Voice



**HAVE YOU GOT  
A SUGGESTION  
FOR STUDENT  
VOICE?**



**FOLLOW THE  
LINK BELOW!**





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*Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November*

# Winter Craft Fayre

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craft stalls      Christmas raffle      refreshments

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**QUIZ**  
**NIGHT**

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**PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BOTTLES & REFRESHMENTS**

**DOORS OPEN 7:00 for 7:30**

**£5** per adult

**£3** per student

**MAXIMUM OF 8 PER TEAM**

*Please wear a mask if you would like to*

Acting Principal:

Tim Dobbs BA (Hons), NPQH

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# INFORMATION EVENING

## LOCATION

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## SAVE THE DATE

3rd October 2023 @ 5:30-8:00pm



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