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## Message from the Acting Principal

As we enjoy the early Autumn sunshine, I am so pleased to be able to tell you how well the students at Chiltern Hills Academy have settled into the new academic year. We walk round the school regularly, going into lessons and seeing how the students are performing. What is clear is that our students are focused, positive and working very hard across the school. The atmosphere in lessons is impressive and our new staff have settled in quickly and students have taken to them well. We also had a very successful Key Stage 4 Curriculum Evening last night led by Mrs Falcon which was attended by many parents, carers and students. This provided an opportunity for us to share with you information about assessments, revision, who to contact about your child's progress and the importance of managing wellbeing.

We had a very successful Macmillan coffee morning on Friday last week. The Sixth Form helped with the sale of cakes to raise funds for this vital charity and students and staff enjoyed the day. We also had our first Student Voice meeting for the year on Monday and this was attended by a large number of students from all year groups and truly represented the diversity of our school community. There were at least 7 students from each year group (1 from each form) and Mrs Collier-Radford led them in discussions over lunchtime. I look forward to telling you more about the ideas and impact this group of students will make on the school.

As you know we are also preparing for our annual School Production. This year we are performing 'Oliver' the musical over 4 nights. The cast and crew have been practicing every night - including over the weekend to ensure that we experience a great show. Let me remind you that tickets are available and the show will run from Monday 9 October through to Thursday 12 October. I really hope that you come and watch and support our talented students perform. Ms Leathers, Mrs Mitchell, Mr Upton, Mrs Ryan and Miss Bale are all working so hard with our students and I want to thank them for all their hard work and dedication to the students and to the school.

This month is 'Black History Month' and in recognition of this vital part of all our histories, Mrs Conway has produced our fortnightly Thought for Chiltern Hills Academy around this subject. This is viewed by all form groups during form time and is used to provide knowledge and information to our students and allow discussion around the topic. We are also delivering an assembly to all our year groups this week led by Mr Griffiths.

Once again can I take this opportunity to thank you for all the support that you give us as we continue with our mission to provide the best school experience we can for our students. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to raise any questions, share ideas or have any concerns. You can contact me at:

[office@chacademy.co.uk](mailto:office@chacademy.co.uk)

Mr T Dobbs

## Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
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
10 October	Hello Yellow – World Mental Health Day
12 October	Y10 KPMG work experience day Watford
16 October	Deadline for Oxford, Cambridge and Medical Universities
18-19 October	Y11 Geography trip to London Olympic Park
20 October	Show Racism the Red Card
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

### Online Safety

It can be quite a mine field for parents in keeping up with the latest trending app that our children use. Quite often, our children are one step ahead of us, as new apps are created so frequently and start trending so quickly. I have provided a useful link below that takes you through different apps your child may be using and gives you, the parent, suggestions on how you can approach ways of discussing this with your child. This information will help keep them safe online so they can make informed decisions on how they use such apps and communicate in online forums and platforms. Please do take note of the age restrictions as we are seeing, increasingly, our students using certain sites where they fall short of the appropriate age restriction.

Get Safe Online is a great website and has lots of really helpful guidance and information for parents.

<https://www.getsafeonline.org/personal/articles/mobile-apps/>

And some information about specific apps they may be using.

<https://www.getsafeonline.org/safeguarding-children/is-your-child-using-these-apps/>

The link below offers helpful advice and guidance for parents who have children over 13 years of age and it helps advise on how to facilitate a discussion about online safety and supports parents in having conversations about personal safety and the sharing of personal information.

<https://www.getsafeonline.org/safeguarding-children/13-or-over/>

Mrs J Conway  
Vice Principal  
DSL

## 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

## School Production - Oliver

We are now in the last week before the show. We require all cast and band where possible to attend the following rehearsals in the school hall.

### Dates of show rehearsals:

- 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

We look forward to seeing you on the night.

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

## World Mental Health Day

On Tuesday 10 October it is World Mental Health Day. Chiltern Hills Academy is Supporting the Young Minds Campaign to "Stand out and show up for young people's mental health on World Mental Health Day this 10 October 2023."

By wearing yellow this World Mental Health Day on 10 October, and donating what you can, you can show young people that you're with them. Show them that they matter and deserve the support they need, when they need it, no matter what. Join thousands across the country to stand out and show up for young people's mental health this #HelloYellow.

To support this campaign, we are asking the children to contribute £1 on the 10th of October and wear 1 item of yellow clothing; socks, a scarf, headband or a t-shirt. Please note the rest of their clothing should be normal school uniform.

All the money raised will go to the #Helloyellow Young Minds campaign.  
To find out more about their amazing work, please visit: <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

Mrs K Davenport  
Librarian



# Mathematics Homework

As part of the maths homework at CHA, students should have 2 homework's a week. This term, one homework will be set by the class teacher and will relate to the subject content being taught. The second homework will be a retrieval/revision homework set as a department. This might be a homework booklet, GCSE revision questions or in Year 11 this could also include past papers.

Students who have the homework booklet are expected to complete one homework sheet a week. The deadline for the homework will be shown on Show My Homework. Students are expected to have the booklets in school on the deadline so they can be marked.

Students who have questions or past papers will be told via SMHW which questions to do each week. Their teacher may ask them to do certain question to help with their learning/revision.

We are hoping to give students in year 11 a past paper every 2 weeks. A walk-through video for each paper will be posted on Show My Homework. We are encouraging students to be independent learners and take responsibility for their preparation and revision for their mocks and ultimately their exams in May/June. Students can pause the video when the question appears, attempt to answer the questions and then watch the solution on the video.

Students will be receiving the revision/ retrieval work this week or at the beginning of next week.

Any questions, please contact: [ksmaje@chacademy.co.uk](mailto:ksmaje@chacademy.co.uk)

Mrs K Smaje  
Director for Mathematics

## PE News

### Year 7 Netball

Well done to our two teams of Y7 netballers who travelled to Dr Challoner's High School to scope out the competition during our friendly mini tournament. This was a great opportunity for the girls to play together, against other teams in the division and we commend their excellent spirit.

Miss J Keeble	Mr O Sperring
Teacher of Business	Teacher of PE

### Year 8 Netball

Our Y8 reigning Netball Champions started their new campaign in a higher division travelling across to Amersham School to play their A team. It was the first time any team had worn our new Netball dresses which were kindly sponsored by Melford. Having known a few of the opposition players, the girls knew it was going to be a tough match.

The first quarter was tight, but CHA edged it 5-4. It was the second quarter where the girls turned it up a gear taking a 12-7 lead. Their defensive structure held strong allowing them to go further ahead with one quarter to go. The final score finished 23-14 which is the perfect way to kickstart the new season!

Mr O Sperring  
Teacher of PE



## Year 7/8 Girls Football

This week the Year 7/8 Girls Football team made their second trip over to Milton Keynes for a County Cup group stage fixture. Five goals from Ruby and a hat-trick from Cora secured an emphatic 8-0 win against Sr Herbert Leon Academy. An excellent performance from all students involved, including a very convincing defensive debut for Tehzeeb.

Mr G Muddiman  
Teacher of PE



## Sponsorship Opportunity

An Exciting Sponsorship Opportunity for local businesses to impact the sporting lives of our young people. In the last year, we have acquired 2 boys' football kits, the school's first ever girls football kit and brand-new netball dresses; all thanks to our generous sponsors RMC Equipment, Specsavers Chesham, Ahead Tuition and Melford! The impact that these new kits have had on our students is amazing, and the amount of extra-curricular sport that we have offered as a result has increased enormously.

We are hoping to build on our existing relationships with local businesses, through sponsorship, in the form of a Basketball kit! The school is in desperate need of Basketball jerseys for our students to wear in the District League after Christmas - it would be amazing for these students to wear branded CHA kit when representing the academy.

If you own a local business, or know someone who does, and are interested in enhancing the opportunities that we can offer to our students, then please contact me via email at [gmuddiman@chacademy.co.uk](mailto:gmuddiman@chacademy.co.uk)

Mr G Muddiman  
Teacher of PE

## Careers

### Classroom to Careers

The October edition of Classroom to Careers is out now and available [here](#). Packed full of apprenticeship opportunities and career inspiration. Find out what the future of work looks like and receive helpful tips on how to ace your Personal Statement.



Mrs A Hemsworth  
Careers Leader

### CHA Careers

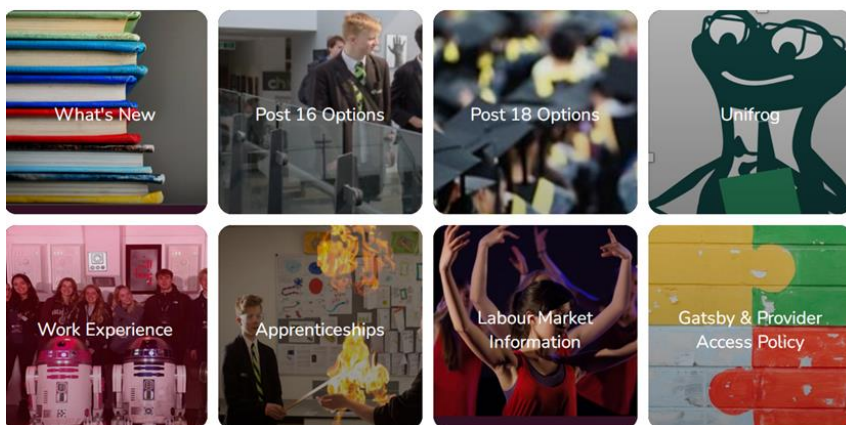
We are delighted to introduce a brand-new Careers section on our website. We aim to equip our students for higher education and the ever-evolving world of work after they leave us. Our enhanced careers website is brimming with all the information you need when considering your next steps – and it's all in one place.



Our students are offered a comprehensive 6 step programme from Years 7-13 where they Discover, Explore, Plan, Focus, Decide and Apply themselves for their next steps.

We provide all students with a forward-thinking first-class careers programme to help raise aspirations, inspire, advise, guide and help them achieve their maximum potential in their career choices.





Take a look today. <https://www.chilternhillsacademy.co.uk/careers>

We would love your feedback, and don't forget to sign up to our Careers Instagram @cha.careers



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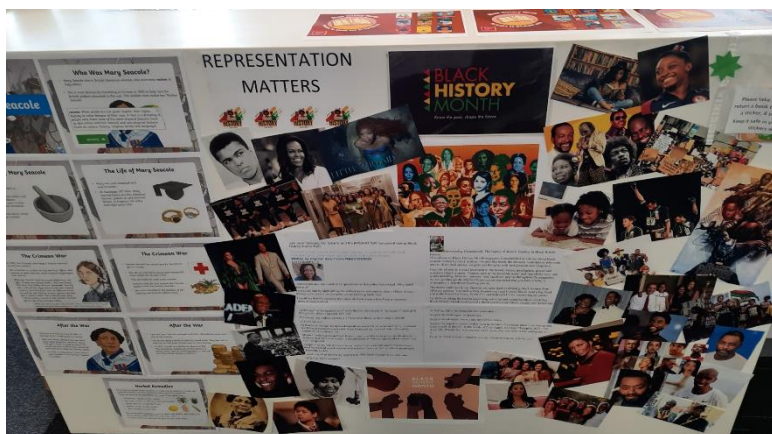
Mrs A Hemsworth  
Careers Leader

Mrs J Groom  
Careers Coordinator

## Library News

We have done it! Our lovely library now has over 3000 titles. This is fantastic news as it means more lovely books for the pupils to read and borrow and it has increased the diversity of the books we have. Thank you all for your donations. I also visited Bookclub 66 at the weekend and got more new titles for the children. My thanks to the PTA for their help in purchasing these lovely books.

October is a busy month in the library. It is Black History Month; the focus of this year is "Saluting Our Sisters". I would encourage all students to come to the library to see the display and to have a look at the books we have by black authors and that feature black characters, old and young. Many of these books have come to us from our Amazon Wishlist, again, thank you for your continued support of this initiative.



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

Let's not forget the end of the month will bring us to Halloween, so keep an eye out for all spooky things in the library. There are many fantastic spooky ghost stories for the children to borrow, if they are brave enough!

The entries for the poetry evening are coming in, which is very exciting. This event will be held in early December in the library (date to be finalised this week) I have spoken to the students about this and posters are up in each form room but to remind you; to enter, the children need to write a poem about anything to do with the Autumn Term, this can be about the weather, the change of seasons, Christmas, Bonfire night, Halloween, the thoughts and feeling about this time of year. They can hand it to me on paper or email it to me: [library@chacademy.co.uk](mailto:library@chacademy.co.uk)

The poems will then be judged by our Director of English Mrs Putman and Mark Jackson-Hancock, the Manager of Chapter Two Bookshop in Chesham. The winners will then be invited to our Poetry Evening of Excellence in December.

"A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies. The man who never reads only lives one" - George R.R. Martin



Happy Reading!

Mrs K Davenport  
Librarian

## Event at Elgiva

St Mary's Church is hosting the following event on Friday 20 October, 8.00pm at **Elgiva Theatre**. This may be of particular value to our students.

### Ace of Spades!

Tobias Brown thought he had found identity and community as a member of the notorious Black Stone gang in Chicago. Instead, his life spiralled downwards into a dark world of violence and then prison at 16.

Tobias shares his experience of gang life, incarceration and solitary confinement in a maximum-security prison, and the dramatic journey to faith that turned his life around."

CHA student price: **£3.00 including refreshments**

Link and booking info here: <https://elgiva.com/bet-your-life-ace-of-spades/#20231020>

Ms S Davies  
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*Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November*

# Winter Craft Fayre

10:30 – 15:00      Free Admission

craft stalls      Christmas raffle      refreshments

at Chiltern Hills Academy

Interested in holding a stall?

Email [chapta@chacademy.co.uk](mailto:chapta@chacademy.co.uk) for further details



*Feeling Clever...?*



**SATURDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2023**

**Family**  
**QUIZ**  
**NIGHT**

***INCLUDING RAFFLE AND HEADS & TAILS***

***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*



## Autumn Harvest

### Roots, Apples & Crumble

A workshop for 13-18 year olds  
Thursday 12th October 5.00 – 6.30pm

Join us on the farm for our third **Inspired to Grow** workshop, helping us with our autumn harvest and learning about seasonal and sustainable food production.

Growing your own is a great opportunity to have a positive impact on your own health, increase biodiversity and reduce the negative impact of food production on our planet. On this course you will:

- ◆ Help cultivate and grow a tasty and colourful range of heritage vegetables and herbs, including sowing winter salad and garlic
- ◆ Tend to the produce that we've already cultivated
- ◆ Harvest apples from our orchard
- ◆ Find out about the sustainable food production processes we use on our farm
- ◆ Understand the value of healthy soil and rich biodiversity to food growing
- ◆ Help us reduce waste - please bring your own reusable bottle or cup, and share lifts where possible. Soft drinks will be provided
- ◆ Take home your own recipe kit, seeds to grow at home and some of the ingredient for you to make your own fruit crumble

Spaces are limited. To book your **FREE** place, please visit  
<https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CSKP>




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# Fireworks

by the lake

**SATURDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2023**

**DOORS OPEN 5:30PM**

**TICKETS : ADULTS £13 • CHILD £9 • 2 & UNDER FREE**

*No tickets on the door, pre-booking essential.*

**Book your tickets via [www.restorehopelatimer.org/fireworks](http://www.restorehopelatimer.org/fireworks)**

**PRICE INCLUDES: FOOD & DRINKS • KIDS' CRAFTS • LIVE MUSIC • PARKING**

**This event will enable Restore Hope to continue supporting local families in need**

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