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Message from the Acting Principal

As I write this newsletter article, I am so pleased to be able to tell you how amazing the school production of "Oliver Twist" is. The students are just outstanding and have worked so very hard to make the show so memorable. I would like to thank all the staff involved for giving up their time to support our students and provide them with this opportunity to shine. Students that have been involved will never forget this experience and the memories that are created will live with them long into the future.

We are also well into assessment season for all our year groups. Year 11 and 13 have their Mock Examinations after half term and will be busy revising. We also have assessments for all year groups this term and I would urge you to encourage students to revise and to prepare themselves, so they have the best chance of performing well. If you would like any information about these assessments then please feel free to contact teachers, Curriculum Leaders or a member of the Senior Team who will be able to support you.

We have had some particularly good assemblies in relation to Black History Month and a very thought-provoking Thought for CHA as part of our cultural curriculum. We will be holding our first non-school uniform day on Friday 20 October in recognition of "Show Racism the Red Card." This is an opportunity for students to come to school in the colour red and wear non-school uniform and give a donation of £1.00 to raise money for this charity. As it is the last day of our first half term of the academic year, it will be a positive way to end what has been a very rewarding 7 weeks of school.

Can I also take this opportunity to remind you that we have a very committed and hard-working PTA at Chiltern Hills, they are a small group of parents and friends of the school who meet regularly and plan many events to raise a lot of money for the school. Recently the PTA have contributed to purchasing a number of outdoor table tennis tables and 20 new picnic benches for the students to use during break and lunchtimes. They have also supported the school production of "Oliver Twist". Clearly the money that they raise is always put to good use to help our students and I would ask you to consider joining the PTA please contact them at chapta@chacademy.co.uk

Next week on Wednesday 18 October we have our first parents evening of the year. This will be an opportunity for the parents and carers of Year 7 students to come

into the school and meet with the form tutors of our year 7s and discuss how they have settled after the first half term.

I am also very pleased to be able to tell you that the school has been surveyed by the Education Consultancy Partnership and we have been assured that no RAAC is present at Chiltern Hills Academy.

I would like to thank you all for all your support as we continue to work closely with you to ensure the best education is available for our students. Please do not hesitate to contact me at: office@chacademy.co.uk

Mr T Dobbs

Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
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 (Non-Uniform day)
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
31 October	CHA-PTA meeting, 7.00 to 8.00pm
1 November	Y8 (30 students) Sommerville College, Oxford all day

Safeguarding

Bullying or Banter?

We sometimes hear our children say, 'It's OK, it's only banter', when challenged if saying something mean. The person saying it will often brush it off as 'banter' but actually it's straight-up bullying, harassment, racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia or victimisation. Just because they say it's banter, doesn't mean it actually is!

Sometimes the line between bullying and banter can be blurred. Try using some of the questions below to start a conversation with your child/children about the difference between the two:

- What is banter?
- Can you give me some examples of banter?
- When does banter turn into bullying?
- How do we know if we cross the line with someone?
- How might they be feeling or behaving?
- Do people use the term banter to disguise bullying?

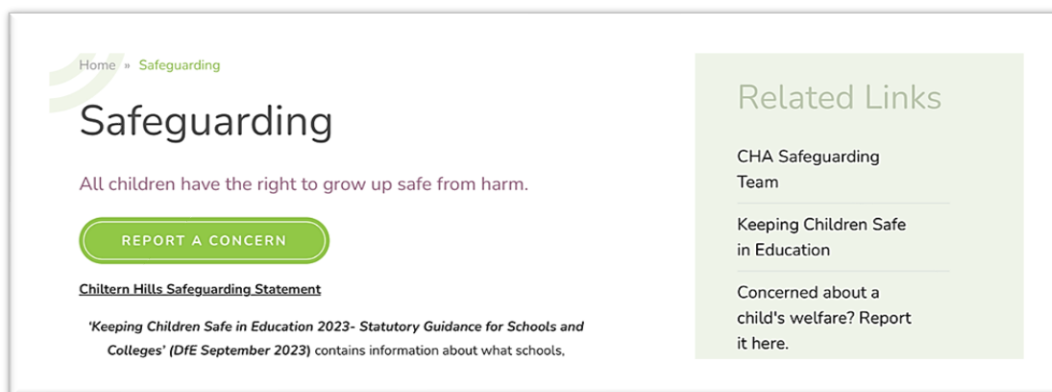
Of course, this doesn't always happen face to face as we know cyber bullying can be just as damaging and harmful. The Online Safety Bill, soon to become law in the UK aims to make the internet a safer place for all users and protect vulnerable children from online harm. We anticipate that this rigour will ensure content is monitored and harmful material removed. Social media platforms will need to protect children from accessing



harmful content and, specifically in relation to pornographic content, online abuse, cyber bullying and online harassment.

If you are worried about your child, please get in touch and let us know so we can help.

On our website we have created an easier way of reporting a concern. If you go to the safeguarding section, you can now click a button which allows you to report your concern to us. The safeguarding team are alerted and we will always follow up concerns we are made aware of.



Any reports submitted will be treated in confidence.

Mrs J Conway
Vice Principal
EDSL

PTA News

It was great to see some of our new parents attend our AGM last week and we would like to inform you that the officers for the committee for the next academic year are:

Chairperson:	Sarah Webb
Vice-Chairperson:	Louise Rees
Treasurer:	Simon Pinnell
Secretary:	Selina Cameron

Preparations are well under way for our Winter Fayre which will be held just after the October half-term. This is definitely a date for your diary, whether you want to sell your crafts or start your Christmas shopping. A fabulous range of crafts will be available, so come and join us on the day. If you want to book a table, please contact Sarah Webb at chapta@chacademy.co.uk for booking details.

Another date for your diary. Our first quiz night of the year will be held at the end of November. Under the leadership of Simon Pinnell, come and join a fun family evening, or an evening with your friends. Remember to bring your own drinks and nibbles. There will be a raffle and of course, a game of heads and tails.

A maximum of 8 in a team. £5.00 per adult and £3.00 per child (Y6 and under). Tickets to be available on parent pay.

The PTA has such an important role within the school as we continue to raise funds to support our children's learning. You may be interested to know that during the last year, we've funded: over £150.00 worth of library books; £400.00 in text books; £650.00 donated towards the Y7 and Y8 Book Buzz scheme; paid £944.00 towards football goals; donated £1300.00 to the drama department to aid the school production of Oliver, and most recently given over £5300.00 to the purchase of the new table tennis and picnic tables that will all shortly be within the school and enhance our outside spaces. Two table tennis tables are already in place and it great to see that not only are they used during break and lunch times but have also become a valuable tool to the PE department.

If you would like to be part of the team that help to raise the funds, or just be a helper when required, please contact us for further information

PTA Dates

Tuesday 31 October PTA Meeting 7.00pm atrium
Sunday 5 November Winter Fayre 10.30am – 3.00pm
Saturday 25 November Quiz Night 7.00pm for 7.30pm start.

Mrs Sarah Webb
chapta@chacademy.co.uk

Show Racism the Red Card – Non Uniform day

Next Friday we will be supporting Show Racism the Red Card by holding a mufti day and asking students to wear red and contribute a £1 donation. Show Racism the Red Card is an anti-racism educational charity which was set up in 1996 by Newcastle United goalkeeper Shaka Hislop

We hope all students will support this important cause - please see link attached for more details <https://www.theredcard.org/wear-red-day/>

Mrs A Hemsworth
AYL Y13



Foodbank Donations

October is the time in the Christian calendar where we celebrate Harvest.

At CHA we would like to bless our community by donating to the food bank for the month of October. All donations will be gratefully received.

Mrs C Anning
Assistant Principal Behaviour and Attitudes

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Last Friday we hosted the MacMillan coffee morning here at Chiltern Hills Academy. The sixth form students sold 200 doughnuts in the atrium, and the staff room was filled with delicious cakes, courtesy of Mrs Rowan. In total we raised over £200 for this excellent charity.

Mrs A Hemsworth Miss E Rowan
AYL Y13 Teacher of Food Technology



Library News

The time to order the Bookbuzz books for Years 7 and 8 is rapidly approaching. Can I please encourage parents and carers of year 7 and 8 children to make the voluntary donation of £3.30 towards their child's choice. It will be on Parent Pay. The books will be in some time after half term, it is always exciting when the delivery comes in and we get to hand the children a brand-new book!

Please keep those poetry entries coming in. The Poetry Evening of Excellence for the winners has now been confirmed as Wednesday 6 December at 6.00pm. The event will take place in the library, it will be a chance for

parents and carers to see the library and listen to the winning poems that have been written. Any submissions can be emailed to chalibrary@chacademy.co.uk

The library is becoming very popular with children especially at lunchtime and we now have at least 10% of the school borrowing books on a regular basis, a huge uptake from last year; a testament to the great titles we have here now. The children are excited by the new books that keep coming in from the wishlist and I am seeing borrowing increase, which is fantastic!

Here is our wishlist if you want to contribute a book to the school.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2SA7D39VE70IR?ref=abls_nvfly_yl

The loyalty card scheme is proving very popular. Already two children have filled in their card (having read and returned) 8 books! Congratulations to Ali and Maanya (both Year 7), who have won a prize and merits.

"If you are going to get anywhere in life you have to read a lot of books." - Roald Dahl

Mrs K Davenport
School Librarian

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Sunday 5th November

Winter Craft Fayre

10:30 – 15:00 Free Admission

craft stalls Christmas raffle refreshments

at Chiltern Hills Academy

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Feeling Clever...?



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NIGHT

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£3 per student

MAXIMUM OF 8 PER TEAM

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Autumn Harvest

Roots, Apples & Crumble

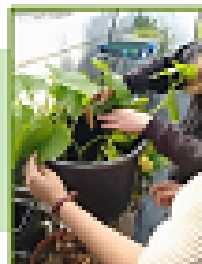
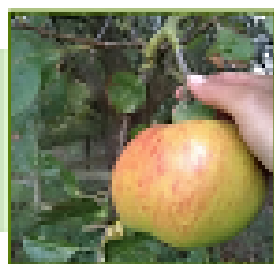
A workshop for 13-18 year olds
Thursday 12th October 5.00 – 6.30pm

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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MIGHTY NETBALL

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