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to 'Live life in all its fullness' (John 10:10)

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Message from the Acting Principal

It has been a great first half term at Chiltern Hills Academy. There has been so much focus on learning and extra-curricular activities and our students have been brilliant. We are still full of admiration for the amazing school production of 'Oliver Twist'. The messages of congratulations from parents, carers and the community have been pouring in over the last week and it is right that we celebrate the success of the work of over 70 students and staff who made this event such a memorable experience. The talent that was on show over the 4 nights of the production was quite remarkable and the production will live long in our memories.

We have had a very good 7 weeks of lessons with students working hard on their studies. This has been supported by our Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 Assessment and Revision evenings run by Mrs Falcon. We have had over 250 families come to these evenings to hear about how students can be supported at home with revision and assessments and develop strategies to manage the stresses that can result from examination preparation.

We had our very first Parents Evening for our new Year 7s on Wednesday evening. This was an opportunity for parents and carers to meet their child's form tutor and discuss how they have settled into the school and to discuss any issues that may have arisen. I spoke to many parents during the evening and they commented on what a positive start to secondary education their child had made at Chiltern Hills Academy. We are always very happy to hear from you regarding the progress your child is making in their lessons and are very happy to respond to you by email if you wish to contact our teachers and support staff directly.

On Friday we have our first non-school uniform day of the year. This is to raise funds for the 'Show racism the red card' charity and will be an opportunity for the whole school to show their respect for the vital work that this charity does. Students will be asked to contribute £1.00 for the privilege of wearing non-school uniform in support of this.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a restful half term. I am sure that Year 11 and 13 students will be revising and preparing for their Mock Examinations after the break, but it is also important for us all to take some time for relaxation and to spend time with family and friends. Once again please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to raise anything at all regarding the school. You can contact me at: office@chacademy.co.uk

Mr T Dobbs

Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
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
8 to 12 November	Y12 Geography Field trip to Flatford Mills
8 November	Y10/Y11 (30 students) BIMA Digital day at CHA
13 November	Y10 (54 students) KPMG work experience in London

Safeguarding

As we look forward to half-term and spending time with family and friends we know this is often a time when our young people are online, using phones, tablets and gaming. It is therefore prudent to ask if you, as parents, know what your children's online behaviours are, what do they access regularly, is it age-appropriate and are they safe when using online platforms. Here is a link to the NSPCC which outlines support available for parents when setting up and monitoring children's online behaviour.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Here is a link to Child Net, a specialist website for children aged between 11-18 years which covers a range of topics including online sexual harassment, gaming, fake news, influencers and so much more.

<https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/11-18-year-olds>

If you need to check how parent controls work when our young people are accessing online material then here is a link to the NSPCC that explains how parents can monitor their children online behaviour.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

HEALTH RELATED BEHAVIOUR SURVEYS

Our school, along with several others, has agreed to participate in a very important Health Behaviour Survey amongst young people. We have been asked to support the work of the Local Authority Children's Services and Public Health and we stand to benefit substantially through our participation in the survey.

The survey method that we are using has been developed by the Schools Health Education Unit, Exeter and has been in use now for over 40 years. Over 3000 schools have used the survey, many of them regularly repeating the survey.

The questions concern a wide range of health behaviours, for example:

Home and Family Relationships, emotional health and well-being,
Tobacco, Alcohol, Leisure and money
Healthy Eating & Exercise
Drugs & Sexual health

We will be taking part in this survey next term so we can learn about how our young people's experiences and behaviours impact their development. Both the Local Authority and the school find the content of the

questionnaire acceptable; it has been customised to suit our local setting.

Each questionnaire is anonymous and confidential, and no pupil will be identified when the data is returned to the school. The Local Authority will receive only the summary of all schools in which individual schools are not identified. Data Protection concerns are covered in the Privacy Notice for pupils.

We will assume you approve unless we hear otherwise. We hold a copy of the questionnaire in the school office, and if you would like to examine it, you are welcome to do so by appointment.

Mrs Conway
Vice Principal
Executive Safeguarding Lead

PTA News

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 now available on parent pay.

You may be aware that the PTA facilitate bingo in the school hall, every Wednesday evening. A small team are on a rota to sell refreshments before bingo starts and again during the interval. We would really welcome a few more people being able to join us as we have just lost a couple of members of the group. The time needed is small once every 6 weeks or so, approx. 7.00pm – 8.30pm. The more people on the rota the better! It would be fabulous to hear from you and we would be really grateful.

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 – 3pm
Saturday 25 November	Quiz Night 7.00pm for 7.30pm start.

Mrs Sarah Webb
CHA - PTA
chapta@chacademy.co.uk

Mock Examinations

Mock exams - Expectations and Equipment reminder

Year 11 and 13 would be sitting their mock exams starting the Monday, 30th October for 2 weeks. Revision timetable will be emailed out later this week.

Remind your child about the expectation whilst sitting an exam:

- Exam conditions are enforced from the time they enter the exam room until the time they have been dismissed. Mobile phone must be SWITCHED OFF and left in their bags before they enter the exam hall.
- Place their bag in the area designated (OE7); all mobile devices, smart watches and electronic devices must be turned off and kept in their bag.
- If they wear a wristwatch it must be removed from their wrist and kept in their bag.
- No writing on hands/wrists/arms

- No Henna/tattoos on hands/wrists/arms
- **Students are only allowed to have the following items at their desk during the exam:**
 - Transparent pencil case
 - Pens (black ink or black – bring spares)
 - HB pencil(s) and a pencil sharpener
 - A ruler
 - A rubber
 - Highlighter pen (if required)
 - Coloured pencils if required
 - Their own Scientific calculator (if permitted in that exam paper) - preferred CASIO fx-85 or equivalent
 - They are allowed water in a clear bottle with the label removed.
 - No food is allowed in the exam room (* Specific medical conditions may permit this)
 - For Maths papers you may need
 - Protractor
 - Pair of compasses

If you are struggling to source any aspects of uniform or equipment, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Tutor or AYL or Subject teacher.

Mr R Vaddiraju
Assistant Principal – Curriculum

Auditions for Shout

Auditions/Read through - SHOUT - our new play.

The Drama department are embarking on a new venture and would encourage all interested actors to come along on Wednesday 1 November, 3.20pm – 5.00pm Drama studio.

We will be reading through the play SHOUT and work shopping the play.

This is a play about selective mutism - selective mutism is anxiety disorder characterized by the inability to speak and communicate effectively in certain social settings, such as with classmates at school or relatives they do not see very often. This play is part of the National Theatre Connections programme. It will be performed at school and then will transfer to The Royal and Derngate theatre in Northampton.

We are looking for approximately 15 actors who will be totally committed to rehearsals, which will take place after school on Mondays and Wednesdays. There will also be weekend rehearsals, most likely Sundays. Most parts will be speaking roles. You do not need to prepare anything; you just need to be committed and enthusiastic.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 1 November.

Miss P Leathers
Curriculum Lead for Drama

Mrs S Mitchell
Teacher of Drama

Library News

It has been a very busy first half term in the library. So many children come in regularly and borrow books, sit and read or just enjoy browsing. Our collection is steadily growing thanks to your generosity. I am always happy to take in donations so if you have any good quality books that your children no longer read, please consider donating them to the library.

Just to remind that the half term break will be an ideal time to get your child to write a poem to enter into my competition, the winners of which will attend an Evening of Excellence to be held in the library on Wednesday 6 December.

Bookbuzz books are on the way for year 7 and 8, we hope they will be in by mid to



late November. Please remember to make the voluntary payment on ParentPay for the book your child has chosen.

We have a great Halloween display, the children very much enjoy a spooky story, they are braver than I am!

"I have always imagined that paradise will be a kind of library" Jorge Luis Borges

Mrs K Davenport
Library

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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**

Interested in holding a stall?
Email chapta@chacademy.co.uk for further details

Feeling Clever...?



SATURDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2023

A central graphic for 'Family Quiz Night' featuring the words 'Family', 'QUIZ', and 'NIGHT' in large, bold, black letters. The text is set against a background of numerous colorful, multi-colored lines radiating outwards from a central point, resembling a starburst or fireworks.

**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

**World
Challenge
FUNDRAISER**



**Friday
24th
November**

3:45–5:30pm

**In the main
hall**

**Tickets £3
per person
(cash or card)**

**Max 8 per
team**

Student Quiz Night!

**Sweet treats available to
buy (cash or card)**

All money raised is going towards the
World Challenge trip to eSwatini 2024

7:30PM
THURSDAY 26TH
FRIDAY 27TH
OCTOBER 2023

3PM
SATURDAY 28TH
OCTOBER 2023

CHESHAM METHODIST CHURCH
BELLINGDON ROAD, CHESHAM
HP5 2HA

ADULTS £8
CHILDREN £4

CHESHAM METHODIST PLAYERS
PRESENTS

THE WIZARD OF OZ



WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/PLAYERS



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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

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

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