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

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Message from the Acting Principal

Welcome back to the second half term of the year. It was great to see all the students looking so smart in their school uniform as they returned on Monday.

We had a very good break at the school with lots of Year 11 and Year 13 students coming in for revision sessions as they prepared for their mock examinations which began on Monday morning. These year groups have a hard two weeks ahead of them as they sit their first set of mocks in preparation for their external examinations in May and June 2024. We wish them luck over the next two weeks. It is always important to remember to prepare well for these mocks and to revise - hard work pays off!

There are many assessments for all year groups approaching and I would ask you to encourage your children to work hard at revising and preparing for these. If you require any support or have any questions, then please do email the subject teachers or Year Leaders as they will be only too pleased to help. Likewise, once you receive the progress checks you are very welcome to contact us with any questions you might have relating to how we can support your child in lessons and with work at home.

We have also had a busy week in our IT department. Over the half term four of our six IT rooms were fitted out with complete sets of brand new computers for students to use in their lessons. IT is such an important part of life in today's modern world and I am so pleased that we have been able to update this equipment for our school community to benefit from. We have also purchased a brand new set of laptops to replace one of our laptop trolleys. Again, this is available for students to use in lessons. We are also in the middle of plans to completely update our IT network and are busy reviewing four separate proposals from different IT providers.

As we embark on the next part of the year it is important for me to remind you all to talk to your children about the importance of maintaining good habits. In relation to school this includes attending school every day, bringing all the right equipment to lessons, being on time to school and to lessons and always conducting ourselves in a kind and respectful way. As I walked round the school on Monday, I was impressed with the calm atmosphere in lessons and the enthusiasm that the students were showing for their learning. We will continue to endeavour to provide the best learning experience we can for all our students at Chiltern Hills Academy and strive to encourage them all to reach their potential.

We have a busy time ahead as we prepare for a very exciting half term. This Sunday we have the Winter Fayre at Chiltern Hills Academy which is organised and run by our brilliant PTA. Please come along and have a look at over 60 stalls, you might find something you like!

Once again can I say that you are most welcome to contact me with any questions or to make suggestions. You can contact me at: office@chacademy.co.uk

Mr T Dobbs

Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
30 Oct to 10 Nov	Y11 and Y13 Mock Examinations
5 November	PTA Winter Fayre, 10.30 to 3.00pm
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
15 November	Y12/Y13 (11 students) Advertising Unlocked WEX - London
17 November	Children in Need – Non-Uniform day
22 November	Y11 (50 students) trip to Reading University
24 November	Media (28 students) to Pinewood studios
24 November	Student Quiz night (fundraising for World Challenge), 3.45 to 5.00pm
25 November	PTA Family Quiz Night Doors open at 7.00 for 7.30pm
27 November	Y11 (50 students) trip to Reading University
29 November	Y11 (60 students) trip to Bucks New University
30 November	Y11 Parents' Evening, 4.00 to 7.00pm

Safeguarding

Attendance

We are acutely aware of how poor attendance can impact a child progress in school. Research tells us that missing 10 % of school in one academic year (about 18 days in total) can negatively affect a student's academic performance. It can also impact on a child socially and developmentally.



Below is a free online service for parents who may be struggling with absenteeism with their child. This research included engagement with parents and the feedback helped form this report which explores what parents are

finding challenging in relation to school refusal and anxiety. This service provides advice, support and guidance for parents who are struggling.

The report identifies three main issues:

1. Parents don't know where to turn
2. Parent struggle to access specialist support for their children
3. Learning from home can help and hinder school attendance.

Please click on the link below for further information on this issue.

https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/our-work-and-impact/policy-work-campaigns-and-research/policy-reports/school-refusal-insights-from-parent-talk-2022-23/?utm_source=sm

Please do get in touch with your child's form tutor if you are struggling with absenteeism. They will pass on the information to the relevant staff and we can look to support you and your child.

Mrs J Conway
Vice Principal
Executive Safeguarding Lead

PTA News

Our Winter Fayre takes place this Sunday a marvellous opportunity to start your Christmas shopping or to buy something lovely for yourself. We have over 60 stalls of locally made crafts and accessories with a price to suit every budget and after shopping you can enjoy tea and cake as served by the PTA, whilst being serenaded by the Blue in Green jazz trio. A fabulous range of goodies will be available, so come and join us on the day.

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 per adult and £3 per child (Y6 and under). Tickets now available on ParentPay.

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've 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

Sunday 5 November	Winter Fayre 10.30 – 3pm
Saturday 25 November	Quiz Night 7pm for 7.30pm start.
Tuesday 5 December	PTA Meeting 7pm in the atrium

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Food Technology

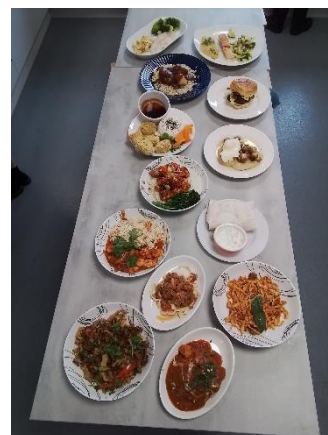
Over the last two weeks of term in Food Technology Y7 have been making pasta salad and Y8 have been creating vegetable stir fry! This links to thinking about more vegetables as part of the Government's 5-a-day guideline and our current theme of healthy eating. Please can parents of Y7 and Y8 learners currently studying food technology within their product design rotation remember to contribute towards the cost of ingredients on ParentPay.



FutureChef Competition 2023

The Y10 food technology students took part in the FutureChef in-school heat on Wednesday 18 October 2023. Their brief was to prepare a main course for 2 people for under £5.00. Everyone was eager to participate, creating a wide array of dishes demonstrating their culinary skills and knowledge. Our judges Mr Falcon and Miss Finch were very impressed with everyone's work ethic and the presentation of the final dishes. The winner of the in-school heat is due to be announced once all the points have been collated. This individual will then progress to the local competition round. Congratulations to all participants!

Miss L Rowan
Teacher of Food Technology



Careers Trip

On the last week of term, some of our Year 10's had the opportunity to visit KPMG offices in Watford. The day was designed to give students the insight, skills and confidence to thrive in the world of work.

The day started with a tour of the offices and meeting KPMG colleagues from different parts of the business. Students then worked on a project to help develop their core transferable skills including effective communication, problem solving, thinking creatively, positivity, confidence, resilience, leadership and teamwork.

Our students were able to explore and learn about emerging and innovated technologies such as AI and were tasked to design a solution using technology to get to stroke victims to hospital earlier. After the students pitched some excellent imaginative and innovative solutions, KPMG presented their own solution (which was an AI model).

Mrs A Hemsworth
Careers Leader



PE - Sport

Before half term, our under 16 girls continued their season with their third fixture against Misbourne at CHA. The game began with two quick-fire Misbourne goals with the fortune of a couple of deflections. However, the CHA girls knuckled down and grew back into the game with confidence rising with every minute. It reached half-time and the score was still 2-0 to the away side. After a half time team talk, the players realised there was an opportunity here for them to achieve something.

The second half began, and Molly's through ball to Jenny gave her an abundance of time to which she composed herself and slotted away. The celebration is one that will be remembered for a while with Jenny dedicating it to the sponsor of Ahead Tuition who was watching on! Confidence continued to grow with pressure building for the home side. This time it was CHA who had some luck with Misbourne scoring an own goal to make the game 2-2.

The final 10 minutes was hotly contested but neither side could find themselves a winner. The sportsmanship of both teams throughout the game was nothing short of fantastic with both sides requesting to play again at the final whistle.

In addition, on Thursday, we travelled across the town to Chesham Grammar to play Netball with our Year 10s and our Y8s. The Y10s were kickstarting their season whilst the Y8s were looking to build on their victory against Amersham the previous week.

The girls represented the Academy in an incredible fashion earning victories on both courts. The Y8s came away with a 17-2 win whilst the Y10s won 16-4. 3 out of 3 for CHA in Netball this year!



Mr O Sperring
Teacher of PE

Library News

I am very much looking forward to our Poetry Evening of Excellence here in the library on Wednesday 6 December. Please do encourage your child to enter a poem. The competition is being run in conjunction with Chapter Two Bookshop in town and Mark, the manager, will be here on the night to help with the judging and prize giving. The poem needs to be about anything to do with the Autumn term. Entries can be given to me in the library or emailed to me on chalibrary@chacademy.co.uk

The Bookbuzz books for Y7 and Y8 have been ordered! Can I gently remind you there is a donation of £3.30 for each book for each child on parent pay, please have a look if you haven't done so already.

Borrowing is up hugely from last year, which is just fantastic, a few more children have completed their loyalty cards (8 books read and returned), congratulations to Maggie (Y7), Buse Su (Y9) and Maanya (Y7) who all won a prize!

Our Amazon wishlist is always open if you would like to contribute a book:

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

As October draws to a close, the Halloween and Black History month displays will come down and I will be displaying a tribute to our fallen for Armistice Day. Please do encourage your child to come and have a look and read some of the war poetry I will have out. The children can borrow anything they see.

"Reading is essential for those who seek to rise above the ordinary" - Jim Rohn

Mrs K Davenport
Librarian

GCSE RESOURCES

As we prepare for the upcoming GCSE exams, I wanted to share some valuable and free resources that will greatly assist your child in their revision journey. Please do get in touch if there are any specific resources that your child would like for their academic journey.

MME Revise (<https://mmerevise.co.uk/>)

- MME Revise offers a comprehensive collection of GCSE exam paper questions, past papers, and detailed mark schemes. Your child can access a wide range of subjects to practice and enhance their exam preparation.

Maths Genie (<https://www.mathsgenie.co.uk/>)

- Maths Genie provides an abundance of exam paper questions, past papers, and mark schemes specifically tailored for GCSE Mathematics. The site offers a user-friendly interface, making it easy for your child to navigate and focus on their math revision.

Revision World (<https://revisionworld.com/gcse-revision/gcse-exam-past-papers>)

- Revision World is a valuable resource for accessing a variety of GCSE past papers across multiple subjects. Students can use these past papers to familiarize themselves with the exam format and improve their exam-taking skills.

Maths Genie YouTube Channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@mathsgenie7808>)

- The Maths Genie YouTube channel offers walkthroughs of exam papers, providing step-by-step explanations and insights into how to approach and solve different types of questions.

Seneca Learning (<https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>)

- Seneca Learning offers an interactive platform for GCSE revision, encompassing a wide array of subjects. Your child can engage in active learning through flashcards, quizzes, and more, helping them grasp key concepts effectively.

These resources will undoubtedly complement your child's preparation for the GCSE exams, allowing them to reinforce their knowledge and gain confidence in their abilities.

Should you have any questions or need further assistance, feel free to reach out.

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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

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**

CHA Festive Food Competition 2023

To enter bring your festive food creation to OC8 on Thursday 7th December 2023 before AM Registration!

Remember to include a named ingredients list

No NUTS or NUT BASED products can be included!

Any questions, please see Miss Rowan

Good Luck!

Examples

