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Newsletter

CHILTERN HILLS ACADEMY

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Message from the Acting Principal

We are now into the middle of November and the nights are drawing in and the days are getting colder, can I please ask that we ensure that students have good, waterproof coats to wear in order to keep warm and dry on their way to and from school.

Please be aware that Mr Driscoll is working with our Interact Club and the charity 'Wrap Up' to collect coats for people who will be going through harsh winters around the world. Please feel free to bring any coats you no longer need into the school for this great cause. The deadline for this is next Tuesday.

This Friday we are holding our second non-school uniform day of the year. This time we are asking for a donation of £1.00 to support the work of the charity Children in Need. This is a real opportunity for our students to get involved in supporting children around the world and in the UK who may not be as fortunate as us. Thank you for supporting the school with this. We are also busy planning some events for Christmas and have a full day of Carol Concerts planned for Monday 18 December when all students and staff will attend a Year Group concert in St Mary's Church, and we will hold our annual Carol Concert at the church in the evening too. We are planning our Christmas Dinner Day and more information will follow when this is available. We will also be having our annual Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Assemblies, Christmas Thought for CHA and a variety of other activities.

We have now completed our mock examinations for Years 11 and 13 and teachers are busy marking the exams. Progress check information will be out to you soon and this will coincide with parent's consultation evenings to discuss the progress of students and outline ways that improvements can be made. Please do ensure that you attend these evenings as we continue to support our students to achieve the best they can in their education at Chiltern Hills Academy. Please do feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress at the school.

I am very keen to get views on behaviour at Chiltern Hills Academy. As key members of our school community I really would value your feedback on this. I have attached a link to a Parent/Carer behaviour survey for you to complete. This will give me information, from you, about your opinions in relation to behaviour for learning at Chiltern Hills Academy and will help us as a school to improve the work we are doing. I would really
few minutes completing this survey. It is completely anonymous!

I would like to finish by saying how proud I am of the students at this school. In lessons they are working hard; around the school students are calm, well-mannered and respectful and our visitors comment on the positive atmosphere around the school. I am always happy to hear from you about any issues, concerns or good news stories that you have. I can be contacted at: office@chacademy.co.uk.

Mr T Dobbs

Behaviour Survey

As mentioned we would like your views and thoughts on behaviour at Chiltern Hills Academy as key members of our community. Please click on the link below to complete the survey. The survey is completely anonymous.
Parent/Carer: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=OPAGdXcKEU2XMOmg-SicyDpmuQCg03xPr-1tv0drEJZUQkgxTjZNSlFXVlExQTYyU0UwQU5UV0pCMC4u

Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey.

Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
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
5 December	CHA-PTA meeting, 7.00 to 8.00pm
6 December	Y9 (50 students) Futures Day at Bucks New University
6 December	Parent Forum, 6.00 to 7.00pm
7 December	Sixth Form Open Evening, 6.00 to 7.30pm
11 December	Y7-Y11 Flu vaccinations
14 December	Y12/Y13 Parents' Evening, 4.00 to 7.00pm
15 December	UCAS deadline
15 December	Christmas Jumper day
18 December	CHA Christmas service at St Mary's Church, 7.00pm
19 December	Last day of Autumn term 2 school closes at 1.00pm

Safeguarding

Please click on the link below to see the table outlining a range of information relating to Safeguarding young people 0-25 years. It covers so many different aspects of safeguarding, the law, Domestic Abuse, FGM and much more.
https://www.family-action.org.uk/content/uploads/2022/03/2022-02-Safeguarding-Young-People-Key-Considerations-0-25-1.pdf

Here is link to the Family Action website which has lots more helpful information.
https://www.family-action.org.uk/our-voices/2022/03/31/safeguarding-young-people-a-new-resource-for-professionals/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIrumr9NbFggMVzPjtCh2rhQ5LEAAYAiAAEgJD-PD_BwE

Mrs J Conway
Vice Principal
Executive Safeguarding Lead

PTA News

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our Winter Fayre the fantastic success that it was on the day. Over 70 stalls of locally made crafts and accessories were on display, and so many people enjoyed a coffee, bacon roll and cake whilst being serenaded by the Blue in Green jazz trio such a fabulous day. We raised just over £1,500 that will certainly benefit our students.

We are now focussing on our first quiz night of the year, which will be held on Saturday 25 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 (run by the Y11 prom committee) and of course, a game of heads and tails. A maximum of 8 in a team. £5per adult and £3per 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. 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. 7.00 – 8.30pm. The more people on the rota the better! It would be fabulous to hear from you and we would be really grateful.

Every year we support the Rotary Club as they escort Santa around Chesham on his sleigh. The funds from the collection do get divided between all the local groups that take part in the collections and benefit us greatly. We need 12 helpers in total, so please contact us if you can help. We have been given the date of Thursday 21 December, but our route is yet to be confirmed. Please let us know if you would be able to help on the evening.

PTA Dates

- Saturday 25 November — Quiz Night 7.00pm for 7.30pm start
- Tuesday 5 December — PTA Meeting 7.00pm in the atrium
- Thursday 21 December — Santa's Sleigh collection Helping Santa on his journey around Chesham
- Sunday March 3 2024 — Spring Fayre (bookings open January 1st)

Mrs S Webb
Chair
chapta@chacademy.co.uk

Footway Reconstruction Works

Buckinghamshire Highways have written to inform us of Footway Reconstruction works along Chartridge Lane and Park Road between Berkley Avenue and St Mary's Way.

The work will start on Monday 20 November 2023 until Friday 22 December 2023 and then from Monday 8 January 2024 to Wednesday 27 January 2024.Please see the letter attached to the end of this newsletter for the full details.

Mrs T Dell
Executive Assistant to the Acting Principal

Vacancies

We are currently recruiting for a Learning Support Assistant to join our team.

- 32.5 hours per week, term time plus INSET days (39 weeks)
- Working pattern: 8.30am – 3.30pm Monday to Friday. Salary: Bucks Pay Range 2
- £20,258 - £22,766 pro rata (actual £15,092 - £16,960) dependent on experience.
- Permanent contract, required for January 2024

Please go to the CHA website for more details about the role and make an application.
https://www.chilternhillsacademy.co.uk/staffrecruitment/learning-support-assistant-1

Closing date for applications is Thursday 30 November 2023.

Mrs T Dell
Executive Assistant to the Acting Principal

Children in Need Mufti - ParentPay

If like me you never have any change, there is a payment option available on Parentpay for the £1 donation for BBC Children in Need. This will be left open until 12.00pm Monday 20 November.

Mrs E Craddock
Finance Administrator

Interact Club

The Interact Club are arranging a collection of winter coats for people who are experiencing severe winters around the world and are not able to access sufficient clothing for themselves. This is in partnership with the Rotary Club in Chesham and WrapUp, which is a charity that delivers the coats. The Interact Club will collect any coats that are no longer used on Tuesday 21 November 2023 from form tutors.

Please have a look in your houses for old/unused coats and send them in with students. Form tutors can then collect them up.

Mr S Driscoll
The Interact Club

Sport at CHA

This week we have launched the CHA PE and Sport Instagram page, please follow by scanning the QR code below to keep up to date with all News and Announcements related to PE and Sport at Chiltern Hills Academy. Alternatively, search CHA PEandSport on Instagram

@CHA_PEANDSPORT

Netball

The Year 7s kickstarted their Netball season with a match against Amersham school on Tuesday night. Whilst there was plenty of nerves prior to the match, the girls represented the academy in an incredible fashion. The result finished 9-0 to Amersham with the final quarter finishing without any score.

Year 7s continued their season, travelling across to the Misbourne school for their second fixture of the season. Within two games, we have managed to get 13 different students on court during the matches which has been lovely to see.

It was a hotly contested match between the schools, but our CHA girls clinched victory in the final quarter by finishing strongly. The final score finished 9-3 to CHA! Well done to all girls involved. Player of the match went to Chloe (in both games)!

The Year 8s continued their march up the leagues in Netball by registering their fourth win from four after winning the Bronze league last year. This time it was DCHS that travelled across to CHA and put up a solid defence against our team. The team have set themselves the goal of winning the Silver league this year becoming the first team in school history to reach the Gold division. The team, who are heading to Barcelona in October 2024 next year, strived forward after a slow start to win the game 11-4. Player of the match went to Ruby.

Rugby has 'kicked off' at Chiltern Hills Academy

Last week, Chiltern Hills Academy fielded its first ever rugby team in a mixed Y8 and Y9 fixture against Chalfont Community College. The winter weather and the fading light made for an interesting encounter, but CHA made a solid start. A strong set piece enabled the backs to begin to play more expansive attacking rugby. Some quick decision making and control at the base of the breakdowns by scrum-half Stan enabled Captain, and new addition to the Bucks County squad, Charlie, to finish a well worked try in the corner for a 5-0 lead. CCC rose to the challenge and after some very well worked phases of play, got themselves within striking distance. The

opposition's fly half then broke through a challenge and scored to draw the game level at 5-5. Despite some dodgy refereeing by Mr Callender in the fading light, both teams battled hard, and opportunities came and went thanks to strong and effective defensive work. Both teams played the game in the right spirit and both coaches agreed a draw was the

right result! The CHA squad are looking forward to their next game, and a return fixture with CCC. in the meantime, they will all focus on developing skills in training.

The fantastic rugby facilities at our school have been missing just one thing: teams. Mr Callender has arrived at the school and set his sights on expanding the already brilliant selection of extra-curricular clubs offered by the committed PE staff. Since September the rugby club, run Thursdays after school, has been well attended by students in Y9. The hope is that more students across Y7-9 will want to try out this new and exciting club. As a school we are aiming to field teams across each of the year groups as well as a key stage 3 and key stage 4 girl's teams. If there are any students out there who fancy trying something new, then please come along and join in!

Multi-Skills Festival
On Tuesday, the Academy hosted its first Festival of the calendar year with Reception students taking part in a multi-skills festival. On this occasion, we welcomed students from Our Lady's, Ivingswood and Chesham Bois with a total of 55 primary school students involved.

As part of the Sports Leaders course that our Y9s are undertaking this year, they were tasked with creating 'fun, but challenging' stations for these Reception students to enjoy. All three schools mentioned how polite and caring our helpers were with their pupils and were thoroughly looking forward to the festivals to come!

Mr J Callendar, Mr G Muddiman and Mr O Sperring
PE Department

Careers Team – Parent Volunteers Needed

As part of the preparation for their Next Steps, all Sixth Form students have a series of mock interviews. For Y13 the interviews took place in October with a follow-up planned in March; and for Y12 we are arranging mock interviews on Tuesday 23 and Friday 26 January between 9-11am

We would like to invite any parents with interviewing experience to volunteer to help us with this process. Please contact ahemsworth@chacademy.co.uk for more details.

Careers Update – Apprenticeship Opportunity and BIMA Digital Day
Y11s have the opportunity to visit George Browns Chesham (Agricultural Machinery and equipment specialists, established since 1830) who offer Apprenticeships to Y11 school leavers. The visit will include a tour of the site, information about apprenticeships, seeing some of the mechanics at work and some staged, safe, working examples of problems to fix to get hands on experience.

If your child would like to take part in this visit, please fill out the form by Monday 20 November:

https://forms.office.com/e/Uvc7n0YigW

Last week our Y10 and some Y9 Computer Science students took part in BIMA Digital Day.
Recent research has shown that there is a huge shortage of tech and digital talent in the UK. Digital Day is a nationwide initiative to help address this and help inspire the next generation about the world of digital.

JB Cole, a leading digital agency came into the Academy to work with our students for the day. Our students had the chance to compete in a nationwide digital challenge: How can we use technology and digital solutions to incentivise more young people to choose cinema over other entertainment source. The day was a great success, giving our students insight into the digital industry and the amazing roles and careers available.

“The Digital agency introduced themselves and their roles and told us of different job roles in their company. I learnt that digital technology is used in all businesses to improve user experience”. Kayden

“I learnt that if you have an idea, always try to express it. Our team was given a project, and everyone worked on their own part and then we put it all together in a creative way”. Elmaz

“Initially I was not confident with presenting, but my teacher encouraged me to give the presentation and she thought that I did marvellously”. Nathan

“I learnt that if you work hard, you can achieve what you want. I also learnt that businesses are constantly making digital programs to make things much easier in life”. Owen

Mrs A Hemsworth
Careers Leader

Library News

We now have over 3,150 titles in the library! There is a fantastic selection of fiction for all ages but let's not forget the non-fiction. The library is steadily growing a wealth of knowledge on the curriculum subjects we have in school. The library also holds many revision guides that have been donated from former students, so when it comes to studying for GCSE's please don't forget to pop to the library and see if there is a guide to help you, remember the library is open until 4.00pm every day for quiet reading and study.

More children have completed their loyalty cards, meaning they have read and returned 8 books, congratulations to Hafsa, CJ, and Tayaba from Y7.

Now Halloween and Bonfire have passed, we look forward to Christmas in the library. The Christmas books will be on display soon for the children to borrow and we have The Poetry Evening of Excellence to look forward to on Wednesday 6th December at 6pm, (deadline for submission is Friday 17 November). Of course, we always ask Father Christmas to bring us the gift of reading, if you would like to help, please have a look at our Amazon Wishlist and buy the library a little Christmas gift:

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

"A book is a gift you can open again and again" - Garrison Keillor

Mrs K Davenport
Librarian

Buckinghamshire Highways

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November 10, 2023
REF: Chartridge Lane/Chesham

TO THE OCCUPIER

Dear Resident,

WORKS INFORMATION AND NOTIFICATION LETTER:

Chartridge Lane and Park Road, Chesham

We are writing to inform you that Buckinghamshire Highways will be carrying out Footway Reconstruction works along Chartridge Lane and Park Road, between Berkley Avenue and St Mary's Way.

The works are programmed to take place from Monday 20th November 2023 until the 22nd December 2023. We will then suspend the works due to the Christmas holidays and then recommence the works on the 08th January 2024, and it is anticipated the works will be completed by 27th January 2024. The works will be carried out using footway closures and localised diversions, however multi-way lights may be required in sections where there are adjacent side roads. Working hours will be between 7am and 7pm.

Information signs will be erected on site prior to the commencement of the works, giving actual dates and durations. You will appreciate that works of this nature are extremely weather dependant and therefore may be subject to disruption due to adverse weather. If the works are delayed, the advance information signs on site will be updated to reflect any changes.

Every effort will be made to maintain access for residents, although there may be times when it is not safe to do so, and we apologise for any inconvenience. **It is vital that vehicles are not parked on the road and/or footway as this will prevent the works from being completed.**
We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

If you would like to contact Buckinghamshire Council, report a problem on a street/road in Buckinghamshire or check for current or ongoing roadworks or road closures, you can do so by scanning the following QR codes:

Contact the council

Report a problem on a street/road

Check for roadworks

Or by using the following links:

- For any queries in relation to the works: BHComms@atkinsrealis.com
- Contact the council: buckinghamshire.gov.uk/your-council/contact-us
- Report a problem on a street/road: buckinghamshire.gov.uk/fixmystreet
- Check for roadworks and closures: buckinghamshire.gov.uk/roadworks

Alternatively, you can call Buckinghamshire Council on 01296 382416.

Kind regards,

Gordon Johnstone

Project Manager
Buckinghamshire Highways

Feeling Clever...?

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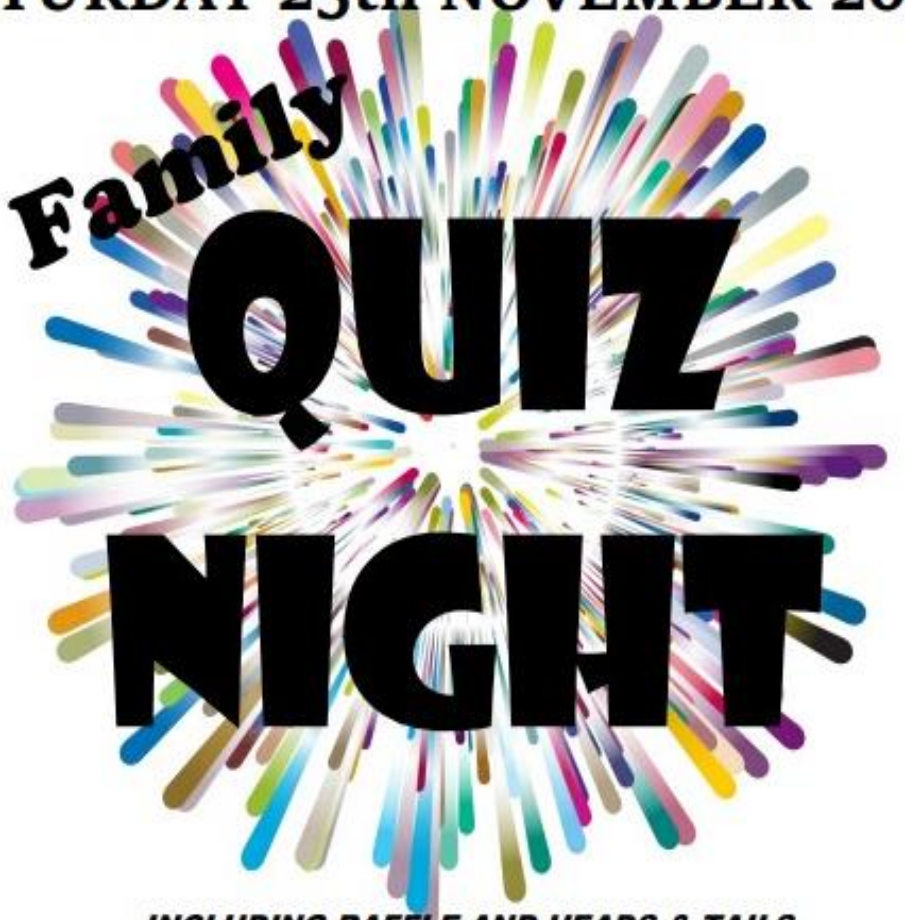
SATURDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2023



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

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 0C8 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

Cake Workshop Week 2023

Over three consecutive days, participants will be learning and applying skills to create personalised Christmas Cakes, using traditional methods, which serve approximately 2 - 4 people. All ingredients needed will be provided for participants, plus a Christmas cake recipe booklet to take away, enabling you to make these again at home with friends and family for years to come!

Participants **MUST** be available for all 3 sessions to be able to successfully complete their personalised Christmas cake. (Y7 applicants will attend the workshop in place of enrichment on Tuesday 5 December 2023)

Overview of Workshop Week

Day One (Monday 4 December)	Making and baking our traditional fruit cakes
Day Two (Tuesday 5 December)	Making nut-free marzipan and coating our cakes
Day Three (Wednesday 6 December)	Making Royal Icing and decorating our cakes, including fondant icing work.

Workshop Information

Dates	Monday 4 Tuesday 5 and Wednesday 6 December 2023
Times	3.30 to 4.30pm in 0C8 with Miss Rowan
Cost	£8.00 (Once your place is confirmed by Miss Rowan, you will be invited to pay for the workshop via Parent Pay.)

Dietary Guidance: Suitable for Vegetarians (*Dairy Free and Gluten Free ingredients available upon request)

This workshop is open to all year groups at Chiltern Hills Academy, including Sixth Form! Places are limited to 30 for this workshop, which will be offered on a first come first serve basis. However, if there is enough interest we will look at running additional workshop weeks!

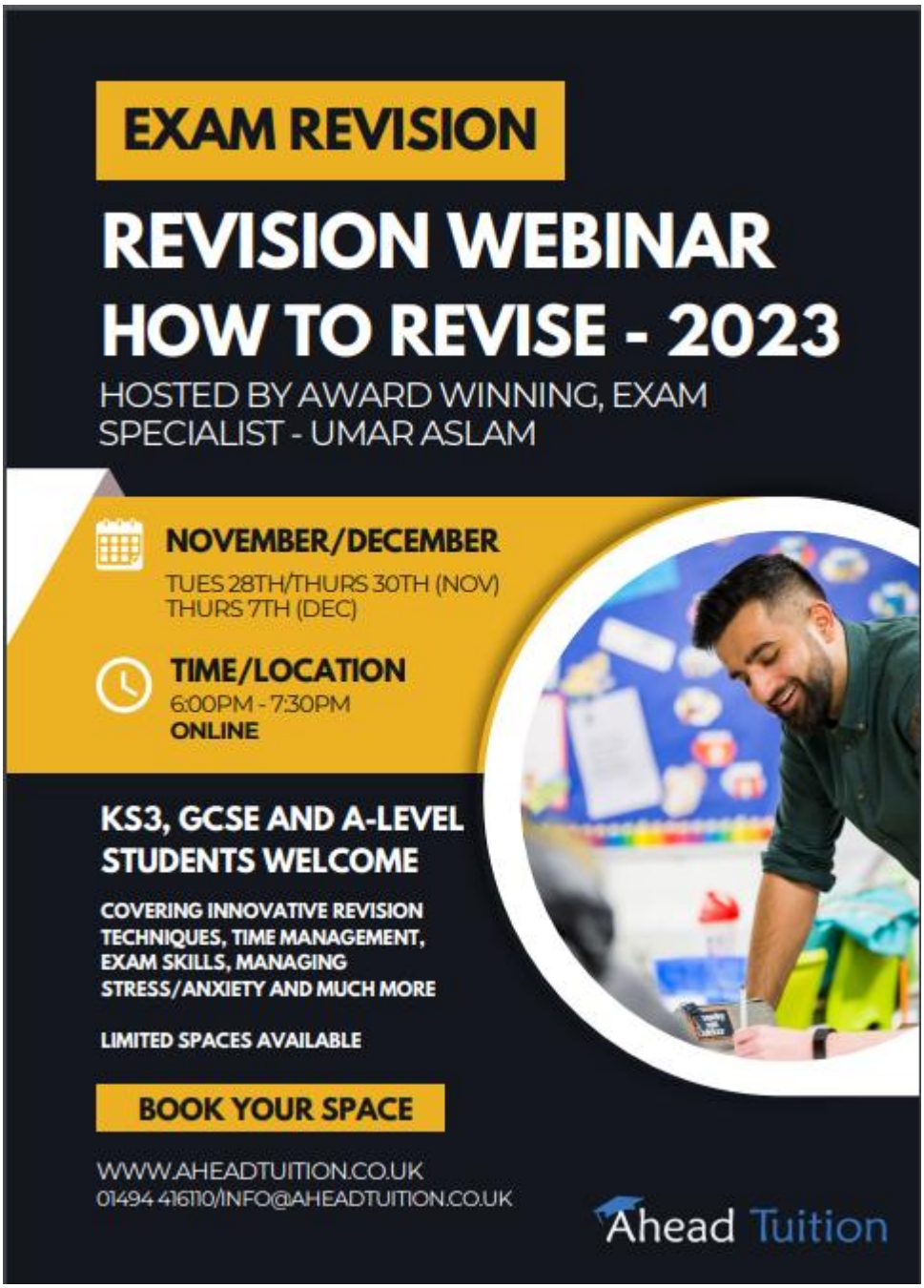
To apply for your place please follow the web link below or scan the QR Code.
https://forms.office.com/e/phg4UWgJmG

Application Deadline: Monday 20 November 2023

Ahead Tuition are excited to announce the return of our online **Exam Life Seminar - How to Revise in 2023**, hosted by Award-Winning Exam and Revision Specialist, Umar Aslam.

Upcoming Seminar Dates:
Tuesday 28 November, 6.00 to7:30pm
Thursday 30 November, 6:00 to 7:30pm
Thursday 7 December, 6:00 to 7:30pm

This seminar has now been attended by over 500 students nationally and aims to provide students with the tools required to succeed over the 2023/2024 academic year. This seminar offers invaluable tools and the latest approaches to excel in exams.

How to Attend:
We'd love to offer our seminar to as many schools and students as possible.
More Information: click here for our website
Booking: click here to book

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