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Message from the Acting Principal

As we approach December the community at Chiltern Hills Academy is in full swing and we are very committed to focusing on providing a great learning environment for our students. The focus for the school is to ensure that the curriculum we offer and the teaching and learning we all engage in are of an excellent standard. As a result of this we are working hard with our Middle Leaders to ensure that the lessons delivered to our students are the best they can be. It is also important that students always come to school and attend every day. Every day spent in school supports a student's learning and there is a clear link between attendance and achievement in assessments and examinations. Please do contact the school if you have any concerns relating to attendance and we will be happy to talk to you. You can contact us at attendance@chacademy.co.uk

We had an incredibly successful non-school uniform day to raise money for Children in Need on Friday last week. We raised over £900! This is the highest amount of money we have raised through a non-school uniform day at Chiltern Hills Academy and it goes to show how supportive our community is in wanting to help children in the UK and around the world. Thank you so much for your support, it shows what a brilliant community we have and how prepared you all are to support important causes.

I would also like to remind you that we are currently doing behaviour surveys to give us an understanding of the views of our school community at the moment. We have behaviour surveys for students, staff and for parents/carers and we will be using the results to help us build on the work that we are doing at the school. I would like to thank the 250 of you who have already completed the survey since it was published last week and can I ask you to complete it if you have not done so already – a link to the survey is included within this newsletter.

Again, we have many upcoming events to look forward to in the next few weeks. Information about our student Christmas lunch on the 13 December is included within this newsletter- please do look at it and book if you wish your child to take part. On Thursday 30 November we have our first parents evening for Year 11 when you will be able to discuss the mock examination results with teachers. This is followed by a Sixth Form Open Evening for Year 11 students to find out about our Sixth Form here at Chiltern Hills Academy - this takes place from 6.00pm on Thursday 7 December 2023. This will be led by the Heads of Key Stage 5, Mrs Mellish and Mrs Hemsworth and will provide an opportunity for students and parents to discuss our large number of option subjects.

On Wednesday 6 December we have our second Parent Forum of the academic year. This is an opportunity for you to come and talk to us about any issues or to ask any questions you may have about the school. This will start at 6.00pm and we will meet in the atrium initially. Can I also take this opportunity to ask you to contact me at the school if you would like to discuss anything school related with me. I am available at: office@chacademy.co.uk

Mr T Dobbs

School Christmas Dinner 2023

This year we will be running **Christmas dinner on Wednesday 13 December 2023**, if there is a large uptake then this may well be done over two days due to the large number of students we have in the school.

The Pantry will be offering a traditional Christmas dinner, as shown on the attached menu, which includes a vegetarian option. They will also be offering food from the 'Grab & Go' counter on each of these days at dinner time for those students not having the traditional Christmas dinner.

The cost of Christmas dinner is £3.31 per student payable via ParentPay. **Please note that this is a separate payment item.** Christmas dinner cannot be purchased through the normal Dinner money item on ParentPay. Christmas dinners are available on a first come, first served basis of payment. When paying please comment in the 'Notes' box whether you require a **'Turkey'** or **'Vegetarian'** main meal, as food will be ordered specifically for you. Please also use the notes box to state any allergies or special dietary requirements.

If your child has dinner from the 'Grab & Go' counter on these days and not the Christmas dinner, then food is purchased in the normal way with funds coming from the Dinner Money payment item on ParentPay. Please ensure that your account is topped up in the normal way.



Students in receipt of free school meals will be entitled to a free dinner on these days, again Christmas dinners are limited and students in receipt of free school meals will need to email **Mrs Dell** at office@chacademy.co.uk **to reserve a Christmas dinner.** For those in receipt of free school meals who do not reserve a Christmas dinner, a meal deal dinner will be available at the Grab & Go counter.

Party hats and squash will be available on each table for students having Christmas dinner.

The closing date on ParentPay and also for those on free school meals to contact Mrs Dell, is 12.00pm on **Friday 1 December 2023**. No orders will be taken after this time.

A ticket to obtain Christmas dinner will be issued to your child via their form tutor on the day of their sitting.

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
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
13 December	CHA Student Christmas dinner served at lunchtime
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, 5.00pm
19 December	Last day of Autumn term 2 school closes at 1.00pm

Safeguarding

Mental Health Support in our Community

It can be challenging for parents/carers to tell whether their teenagers are just "being teens" or if there is something more serious going on. Changing moods, becoming distant, spending time in their bedrooms are some of the things you may notice, but can often be attributed to normal teenage behaviour. However, it can be helpful to know when there may be signs of a more serious problem. If you're worried about your teenager's behaviour or general wellbeing you should consider:

- Talking to your teenager about your worries
- Getting advice from a GP
- Making contact with school staff

It's important to know that many parents/carers find teenage behaviour difficult to understand or challenging to cope with. There is always someone to talk to here at Chiltern Hills Academy such as:

- Safeguarding Team safeguarding@chacademy.co.uk
- Mental Health First Aider
- Assistant Year Leader
- Form Tutor
- Year Leader

We always advise that if your child is in urgent need of help please call:

- Your doctor – it is important that your doctor is aware of your symptoms, as being your primary care service, they can offer you access to wider treatment and medical support
- SPA (Single Point of Access): 0800 6444 101 or NHS 111 and select the option for mental health crisis
- The A&E department at your nearest hospital or 999 if you are very concerned about your own or someone else's imminent safety

- Childline - trained Childline counsellors are there for young people 24 hours a day, every day of the year. Telephone: 0800 1111 (Freephone from mobiles and landlines) <https://www.childline.org.uk/>
- Samaritans – trained Samaritans are available to talk through your concerns, worries and troubles any time, day or night. Telephone: 116 123 (Freephone from mobiles and landlines) <https://www.samaritans.org/>

Mrs J Conway
Vice Principal
Executive Safeguarding Lead

PTA News

Only a few days to go until our quiz, so hopefully Saturday is in your diary. Tickets will be available on parent pay until Thursday and then tickets will be available on the door. 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. £5 per adult and £3 per child (Y6 and under). Tickets available on parent pay.

Thank you to the parents who have so kindly offered to help us support the Rotary Club in a few weeks' time as we assist Santa around Chesham on his sleigh. We need 12 helpers in total, so please contact us if you can help, as we do need a few more helpers. We have been given the date of Thursday 21 December and our route is Old Chesham – so hopefully quite compact and not too challenging! It's an early start (around 5.30pm) but the collection always ends by 9pm. Please let us know if you'd be able to help on the evening.

PTA Dates

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| • Saturday 25 November | Quiz Night 7.00 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 3 March | Spring Fayre (bookings open January 1st) |

Mrs S Webb
Chair chapta@chacademy.co.uk

Children in Need - Fundraiser

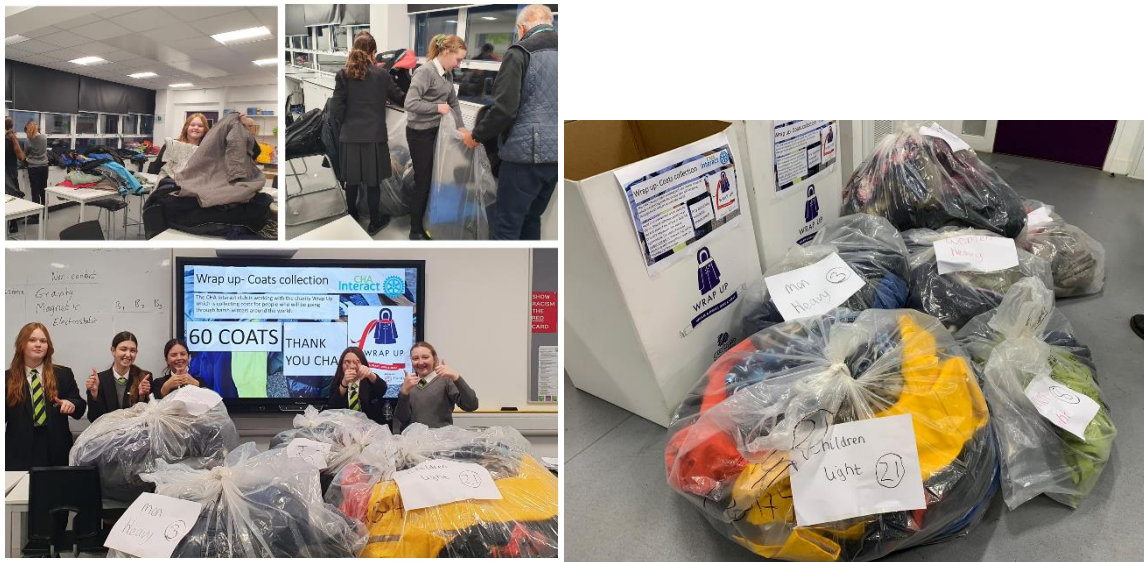
Students were proud to support Children in Need on Friday 17 November. The mufti day was a great success and our Y12 students added to the money raised by organising an obstacle course in the sports hall and selling doughnuts in the atrium. We are delighted to report that the total raised was £939.30 - a fantastic effort! Special mention to Mrs Putman's form (designed the obstacle course: Alfie, Sam, Teo, Tilly; manned the course: Ben, Wali, Ethan, Balazs, Mohammed; Kept time: Sonny, Matthew; collected money: Eleanor, Charlie; thanks also go to: Jake, Natasha, Julie and Haleema for selling the cookies and doughnuts at break time). Thank you for your generous support.

Mrs A Hemsworth
AYL Sixth Form

CHA Interact and Wrap Up

The CHA Interact club has joined forces with Wrap Up, a charity which distributes unwanted winter coats to those who need them. The Interact Club asked the CHA community to donate your unwanted coats in good condition. In total we collected a fantastic 60 coats which will be used to keep people warm this winter. We want to say thank you to all those people who donated them!

The Interact Club is open to any pupil in the school who would like to join with making the school and wider community in Chesham a better place. We have an exciting project underway which we will update you on from time to time. The Interact club meets on Tuesdays at 3:30-4:30pm every week.



Thank you again for your donations.

Antonia
Secretary of the CHA Interact Club

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

Talent Show

We are looking for a host of different talents to compete in our CHA talent show. We are looking for a variety of acts: gymnasts, musicians, comedians, actors, singers, artists, impersonations, mime, slapstick, juggling, beat boxing, lip syncing, martial arts, poetry or any other talent you would like to share!

If you would like to be involved, please come to the drama studio at lunchtime on the following days to register:

- 8 January Years 7 & 8

- 9 January Years 9 & 10
- 10 January Year 11 & Sixth Form
- 11 January ANY YEARS

There will be prizes awarded for the best acts! This show will take place on 1 February at 6.00pm in the hall. Tickets will be available for £5 via ParentPay closer to the date. Students go free!

Good luck

Performing Arts Department

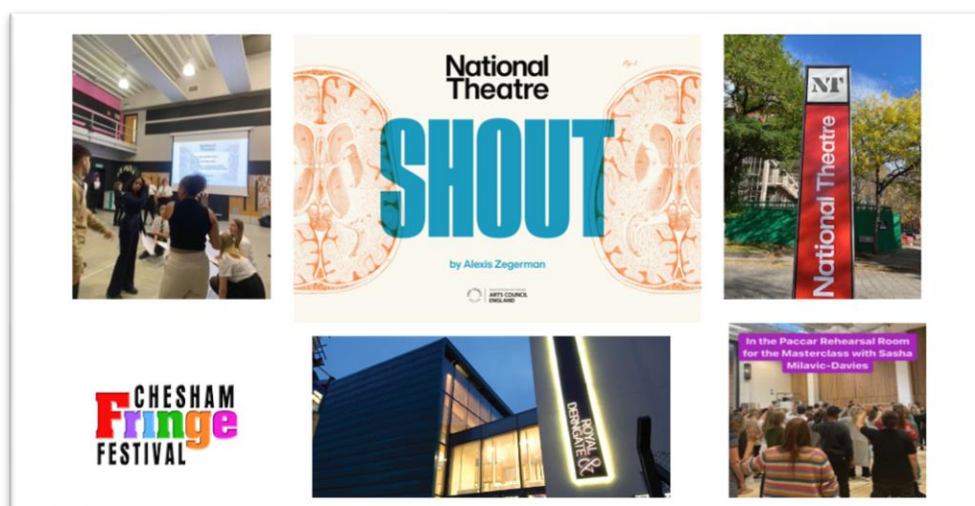
National Theatre Connections Project

The drama department are taking part in this year's National Theatre Connections Project. The play we have been allocated is called SHOUT which explores the lens of a child with selective mutism. We currently have approximately 30 students taking part in this project. Rehearsals for SHOUT are on Monday and Wednesday from 3.10 to 5.00pm.

This will increase in the lead up to the performance.

The students will be performing in our school hall on:

- Wednesday 27 March at 7.00pm
- Thursday 28 March at 7.00pm



One of these performances will be watched by a National Theatre director who will supply us notes for us to amend for our performance at The Royal and Derngate in Northampton. This date will be confirmed soon. 300 companies are taking part in the project and ten performances will be selected to perform at the National Theatre on Southbank. Additionally, we have just been given the go ahead for the piece to be performed at the upcoming Chesham Fringe Festival! It is an exciting time for the department and the students are outstanding in their dedication and attitude.

Ms P Leathers
Curriculum Leader for Drama

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.

Year 7 & 8 Girls Football

This week the Year 7 & 8 Girls Football team continued their season with a 12-0 win against John Colet School. The girls started the game extremely quickly, blowing



their opposition away and subsequently leading 9-0 at half time. The second half was a little slower, but the girls did exceptionally well to add to their lead and prevent their opposition from scoring.

One more win will see the girls finish in the top two of their group and go through to the knockout rounds of the county cup! Their final group game is at home against Shenley Brook End School on Monday 4 December.



Mr G Muddiman
Teacher of PE

Duke of Edinburgh Award

There has been a flurry of people signing up for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award 2023-24 season and I am excited to get students' awards off the ground. Please remember that it is not too late to sign up and enrol students in Years 9 or above. The deadline for enrolment is Friday 15 December 2023. All you must do is log in to ParentPay and pay the first DofE payment. By doing so, you give consent for your student to take part in DofE through Chiltern Hills Academy.

We are determined to ensure that the Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme is open to every student at Chiltern Hills Academy and therefore do not want finances to be a barrier to participation. The school has successfully applied for grant funding two years running that has enabled students to take part. I have already had a couple of people get in contact about financial support for this year, so please do send an email to sdriscoll@chacademy.co.uk to ask for further details about this. If you would like to sponsor another student or donate to support the DofE programme at the school, please also get in touch.

If you have any other questions, please email: sdriscoll@chacademy.co.uk

Mr S Driscoll
Duke of Edinburgh's Award Coordinator

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.

Mrs A Hemsworth
Careers Leader

Advertising Unlocked

On 15 November, top UK advertising and media agencies opened their doors to the next generation of talent, revealing how campaigns are made, what it's like to work in advertising and giving students the opportunity to work on a brief. CHA partnered with 2 agencies in Soho, London. John Ayling Media and Creative Culture.

Some of our students visited John Ayling, an established Media agency with clients ranging from Metro newspaper, RSPCA, & Crystal Palace. Students were given a brief and had to identify target audience media channels and how they can use media to creatively deliver the advertising message.



At Creative Culture marketing consultancy, students focused on looking at local trends and cultural differences to create insights helping clients with their marketing. Clients include Hyatt, Decathlon, Hager, AXA, Western Union, Jim Beam. Our students got involved in deconstructing client briefs and coming up with strategic direction.

"It taught me more about advertising and the process of making adverts. This helped me to understand that in Media there is a range of different careers and the career I want to have in the future will link to Media. Work experience in JAA was a wonderful opportunity and I am very thankful for it." Taysa

"Overall, the experience was really enjoyable, enlightening and an eye opener to the numerous career paths I could pursue in the Media industry". Nathaniel

Mrs A Hemsworth and Mrs E Mellish
AYLs for Sixth Form

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TO THE OCCUPIER

November 10, 2023
REF: Chartridge Lane/Chesham

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...?



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

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



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 to 7:30pm
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](#)


Mr Umar Aslam

EXAM REVISION


REVISION WEBINAR

HOW TO REVISE - 2023

HOSTED BY AWARD WINNING, EXAM SPECIALIST - UMAR ASLAM

**NOVEMBER/DECEMBER**

TUES 28TH/THURS 30TH (NOV)
THURS 7TH (DEC)

**TIME/LOCATION**

6:00PM - 7:30PM
ONLINE


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