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

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Message from the Acting Principal

Firstly, can I apologise that our phone lines have been down again. This is obviously making it difficult with regards to communication with the school. However, Open Reach have now rectified the problem which was external, and we are now back up and running with normal service resumed.

It has been another great week at Chiltern Hills Academy with so many positive experiences to report. The school atrium is adorned with two Christmas trees and we thank our PTA for providing the trees and decorating them over the weekend. Our Year 11s have been out on trips visiting universities and have really benefitted from this experience. It is an aspiration for young people to attend university if they want to and it is good for them to have the opportunity to visit one and have the chance to discuss their future options. Yesterday saw a group of performing arts students go on theatre trip to watch Phantom of the Opera at His Majesty's Theatre and the feedback from the students was they 'loved it'. Again, this is a great experience for students to watch a major theatre production. We have had some very good performances in school football competitions too this week and I am so proud of all our teams that take part in matches across the term. Thank you, to our PE staff, for providing these opportunities for the students at the school.

We have a number of evening events coming up. Thursday, we have our first Year 11 Parents Evening. Parents and carers will be able to discuss the recent mock examination progress check and take guidance on how students can improve their work and achieve well in the examinations in May and June. We also have our annual Sixth Form Options Evening next week on Thursday 7 December 2023. This is for all our Year 11 students and is an opportunity to discuss the wide range of options we offer for all students completing their examinations next year. We also welcome all Year 11 students from other schools who are looking to continue their studies in the Sixth Form. And finally, on Thursday 14 December 2023 we have our first Sixth Form Parents evening.

As we move into a cold spell can I once again remind you of the importance of ensuring that students have a warm coat which they are allowed to wear during break and lunchtimes - especially if they are going outside. It is also important to remember that the school jumper is the only item that students can wear over the shirt, apart from their blazer. I would also like to thank you for your responses to the behaviour survey. We are busy collating them and I will be updating you in the newsletter with how we will be moving this forward very soon.

Can I also inform you that next Wednesday 6 December 2023, we have a parents' forum at 6.00pm. You are welcome to come and talk to us, ask us questions and discuss issues. Please do feel free to contact me if you have anything you would like to discuss. You can contact me on: office@chacademy.co.uk

Mr T Dobbs

School Christmas Dinner 2023

This year we will be serving **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 menu here, 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.



Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
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
5 January	INSET DAY (Staff attending)
8 January	First day of Spring term 1 school starts at 8.40am

PTA News

Thank you to everyone who attended the quiz night on Saturday. A good time was had, and we all learned something valuable from the tiebreaker! Monies raised will go towards valuable resources that will support our children's learning.

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 still need a few more helpers. We have been given the date of Thursday 21st December and our route is Old Chesham – so hopefully quite compact and not too challenging! It's an early start (around 5.30) but the collection always ends by 9pm. Please let us know if you'd be able to help on the evening.

PTA Dates

Tuesday 5 December	PTA Meeting 7pm in the atrium
Thursday 21 December	Santa's Sleigh - Helping Santa on his journey around Chesham
Sunday March 3	Spring Fayre (bookings open January 1 st)

Mrs S Webb

Chair chapta@chacademy.co.uk

Heroes of this Half Term – October to December

Name	Form	Academic	Comment
Maanya	7DAG	Academic	Working hard and getting the most words in the fastest time
Anirudh	8NDM	Academic	Very consistent in behaviour, working and attitudes.
Alfie	9ZEC	Academic	Highest score in Foundation tier Science assessment
Niamh	10SDA	Academic	Moved up to the top set in Year 9, has gained in confidence and been rewarded with ever-improving grades, through fantastic effort and commitment.
Jon	11NOS	Academic	Enthusiasm and hard work
Shaheryaar	12SUP	Academic	Has joined the 6th form with a focused work ethic including high levels of effort and resilience.

Name	Form	CHA Values	Comment
Sally	13AMC	Academic	Excellent work in History
Toby	7CCO	CHA Values	Makes constant, excellent contributions to our History lessons and is consistently polite and friendly.
Hai	8OLS	CHA Values	Always trying her hardest
Alisha	9BRC	CHA Values	Has worked extremely hard in my English lessons and has overcome a lot to become not only speaking in lessons but an active participant. I am so proud of this personal achievement and also her effort in lessons.
Caleb	10JAD	CHA Values	New student to CHA - always polite and respectful, has settled well
Alisha	11KES	CHA Values	Hard work
Jake	12SUP	CHA Values	Attending rehearsals, not forgetting and being helpful setting up
Lily-Mae	13JEC	CHA Values	Model student - high levels of self-discipline and effort, always polite, respectful and compassionate towards others

Footway Reconstruction Work

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 the 20 November 2023 until 22 December 2023 and then from the 8 January 2024 to 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

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 Y7 & Y8
- 9 January Y9 & Y10
- 10 January Y11 & 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 parent pay closer to the date. Students go free!

Performing Arts Department

World Challenge Fundraiser

On Friday 24 November, we hosted a fundraising Student Quiz at school to help our students to raise money for the World Challenge trip in 2024. After multiple rounds of music, general knowledge and picture rounds, these Year 10s were victorious! Congratulations to Tilly, Flo, Niamh, Alex, Emma and Josh for their success! We are looking forward to the next fundraising event.



Mr O Sperring
World Challenge Organiser

Future Chef Competition

On Friday 17 November 2023, Millie and Tilly from Y10 attended the local finals held at West Herts College in Watford, alongside 4 other schools from across Buckinghamshire, Berkshire and Oxfordshire. The girls had to recreate their winning dishes from the school heat for four professional chefs to judge. The girls both produced beautiful dishes, which they should both be incredibly proud of! Millie presented Thai pork noodles and Tilly presented chilli chicken with rice.



Congratulations to Tilly who was announced as one of the two winners! Tilly has been paired with Daniel Richardson the executive head chef at Hartwell House in Aylesbury, who will mentor her in preparation for the regional finals taking place in early 2024!



Ms L Rowan
Curriculum Leader for Food Technology

Christmas Cake Workshop 2023

There has been a huge interest in the Christmas Cake workshop, which is running next week across three nights from 3.30 to 4.30pm, Monday 4th, Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th December 2023. Can I please remind all participants to have paid £8.00 on your Parent Pay account before Monday 4th December 2023.

The workshop will take place in OC8 and OC9 with Miss Rowan, Mrs Teasdale and Year 11 workshop leaders. Please see table below confirming student attendees.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 11 Workshop Leaders
Aashish G Millie H Michelle Z Henry B Matilda F Hugo C Charlotte H Darcey M-M Adam L Lauren H Issac F-C Henry P Hannah K Alice G-J Orla B	Joy S Megan B Isobel D Oscar W Poppy H Rae S Nyla E Samuel J	Kayley L Sophie L Rhys P Isobelle R Benjamin P Jasmin S) Ethan T Harley H	Raluca C Freddie R-B Ian M	Jasmin P Takara C	Dylan S Cameron S Lily F Emily TG-M

Ms L Rowan
Curriculum Leader for Food Technology

Sport at CHA

Year 7 Netball

Year 7s continued their season with a double fixture against Holmer Green at Chiltern Hills Academy on Monday. Both teams were defeated 2-0 by HGS but competed very well. The fixtures kickstart what is a busy week for Year 7 netballers with games on Wednesday and Thursday against Beaconsfield School.



A reminder that 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.

Mr O Sperring
Teacher of PE



Duke of Edinburgh's 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 enroll students in Y9 or above. The deadline for enrolment is Friday 15th 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 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 23rd and Friday 26th 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

Y11 Trip to Reading University

Our Y11s have been visiting universities over the past few weeks with the aim to raise aspirations and inform students about further and higher education opportunities.

Some of our students visited Reading University, a leading UK university that offers a wide range of degree programmes. Students were introduced to university life and toured the campus. They took part in two taster sessions: The Science of the Brain and the Chemistry of Chocolate and had a Q&A session with student ambassadors.

“There were so many facilities and clubs on offer to students and I especially like the science facilities. I had never thought about university before and now I know there is a possibility and would like to study sociology criminology and forensics.” Grace

“The University of Reading had a large campus, and we had a tour from student ambassadors who answered all our questions. We saw various buildings such as the business school, showing just how many courses they have to offer. Towards the end of the trip, we learnt about the chemistry behind cacao and did a blind chocolate tasting which was all to do with the brain. There was also a student life talk and we were able to ask anonymous questions on post-it notes. This was a great idea because it meant that everybody could ask questions such as 'what societies are you in?'. ” Anna

“I particularly enjoyed the Stroop test and the optical illusions along with the attention test as I loved learning about how the brain worked.” Jon



Hemsworth
Careers Leader



Mrs
A

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





Buckinghamshire Highways

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November 10, 2023

TO THE OCCUPIER

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