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Create, Aspire and Excel
to 'Live life in all its fullness' (John 10:10)



Message from the Acting Principal

After the cold weather of last week, we are now back in a mild spell and I am pleased to tell you that the hot water has returned after the burst pipe in the kitchen. The school is warm and it is important to remind you that students who want to wear a jumper under their blazer should only wear the school grey jumper. No other sweaters or hoodies can be worn when in school.

We have a very busy time ahead of us. All students have now received the first progress check and we are now into the second round of assessments. Next week the Year 11s and 13s begin their final mock examinations before they embark on their summer exams. It is very important that students are revising and preparing at home as it is only through thorough and well-planned revision that students can achieve their best. If you need any support with this, please do not hesitate to contact the appropriate year leader or the subject teacher and they will be only too happy to help. Other year groups are also having assessments this term and revision information is being posted on SMHW to support them with their preparation.

There is a very important Year 8 KS4 Options Evening tonight and the school will be buzzing with students and parents/carers as they receive information about choosing their options and the courses of study they will be taking from September 2024. The process for choosing the options is very clear and it is vital that students choose those subjects that they feel will support them in their future. If you have any questions about this process after tonight, then please do contact Ms Medina (Head of Year 8), Mr Raju (Assistant Principal - Curriculum) or Mr Griffiths (Vice Principal - Quality of Education).

It was a real pleasure to hold the Parent Forum meeting again last night. We had 15 parents attend and Mrs Anning and I had an interesting evening answering questions and discussing issues relating to the school and the education of our students. It is so important that as a community we work together to enhance the experience of the students at Chiltern Hills Academy and I welcome these evenings as a way for us to listen and to respond to our parents and carers. Please do look out for the next Parent Forum and attend if you can.

We are also looking forward to the CHA Talent Show. This will now be held on Thursday 8 February in the hall. It will be an opportunity for students and staff at Chiltern Hills to perform and for you to come and watch the multitude of talent that we have at the school. I am always blown away by the extraordinary abilities of

students at this school and I am really looking forward to spending an evening watching these performances. Please do come along and support the CHA Talent Show if you can.

I am very keen to hear from you regarding any issues, problems or ideas that you may have in relation to the school and I would ask that you please contact me as I am always happy to hear from you and to respond. You can contact me on: office@chacademy.co.uk Thank you very much for all the support that you give to the school.

Mr T Dobbs

Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
26 January	Y12 Interviews, 9.00 to 11.00am
29 January to 9 February	Y11 and Y13 Mock Examinations
30 January	Barcelona Sports Tour – Parents meeting, 6.00 to 7.00pm
31 January	UCAS deadline for all courses
31 January	Y9 (10 students) Champneys Beauty college trip, 8.30 to 3.00pm
6 February	Drama students – Splendid Theatre Co, 2.00 to 4.00pm
6 February	CHA-PTA meeting, 7.00 to 8.00pm
8 February	CHA Talent show, 7.00 to 8.00pm
9 February	Last day of Spring term 1, school closes at 3.10pm

PTA News

Sunday 3 March

Definite date for your diary – the CHAPTA Spring Fayre. Perfect to sell your crafts or to buy gifts for Mother's Day, Easter, or something gorgeous for yourself. It's exciting that so many stalls have already confirmed their attendance, so come and join us on the day. Contact the PTA for a booking form and secure your place.

Bingo

We would really welcome a few more helpers for our weekly bingo rota, serving teas, coffees and treats. Regular help is only needed once every 6-8 weeks, from 7.00pm – approx. 8.30. A great way to help the community, and raise invaluable funds for the PTA. Contact us for further details.

Tuesday 6 February

PTA Meeting 7.00pm in the atrium. Everyone is welcome.

We look forward to hearing from you,

Mrs S Webb

Chair

chapta@chacademy.co.uk

Safeguarding

Safeguarding - Worried about a child? How do I report a concern?

If you are concerned about a child you can use our online form which can be found on our website in the Safeguarding section. Alternatively, you can email safeguarding@chacademy.co.uk

Students have been advised that they can report a concern if they are worried about something or someone. We have an online form on our Learning Platform which they can use if they have a safeguarding concern. All concerns we receive are treated sensitively and confidentially.

A reminder of who's who in the CHA Safeguarding Team:

DSL Executive	Mrs Conway
DSLs	Mrs Collier-Radford & Mrs Fulton-Willis
DDSL	Mrs Walters
Additional Safeguarding	Mrs Khurshid (Medical Officer)

All Key Stage Leaders, Year Leaders and Assistant Year Leaders are also fully trained in Safeguarding.
Mrs J Conway

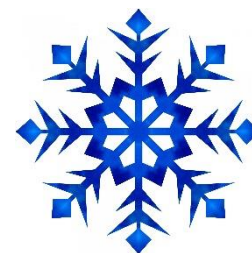
Vice Principal

Executive Designated Safeguarding Lead

A screenshot of a web page titled 'Safeguarding - Report a Concern'. The page has a purple header with navigation links like 'HOME', 'ABOUT US', 'NEWS', 'SCHOOL EXPERIENCE', 'PARENTS', and 'CONTACT US & LETTING'. Below the header is a banner image of a school building with the text 'Create, Aspire and Excel to Live life in all its fullness (John 10:10)'. The main content area has a breadcrumb trail 'Home > Safeguarding > Safeguarding - Report a Concern' and a heading 'Safeguarding - Report a Concern'. Below the heading is a progress bar with a green circle containing the number '1'. A message reads: 'THANK YOU FOR REPORTING THIS CONCERN. PLEASE BE REASSURED YOUR CONCERN WILL BE FOLLOWED UP. PLEASE NOTE WE MAY BE UNABLE TO REPLY TO YOU WITH AN UPDATE FOR REASONS OF CONFIDENTIALITY.' There are two input fields: 'Your Name *' and 'Your email address (We may)'. On the right side, there is a 'Related Links' section with links to 'CHA Safeguarding Team', 'Concerned about a child's welfare? Report it here.', 'County Lines', 'Keeping Children Safe in Education', and 'Policies - for Child Protection & Safeguarding Policy'.

Snow Day Closures

If the weather forecast indicates possible disruption, please check the Academy website. We will also endeavour to text parents to inform you if we are unable to open, so please ensure the Academy office has an up-to-date mobile contact number for you (office@chacademy.co.uk). Information about school closures across the county may be found on: <https://closures.buckscc.gov.uk/>



Collection of GCE/GCSE Certificates – Summer of 2023

GCE/GCSE Certificates will be available for collection from Monday 29 January 2024. Certificates can be collected from our Main Reception between 9.00am to 3.00pm. If a student is unable to attend in person, another family member or relative can pick them up on your behalf but we require a written letter of consent naming your representative and will expect them to bring along some form of photographic identification.

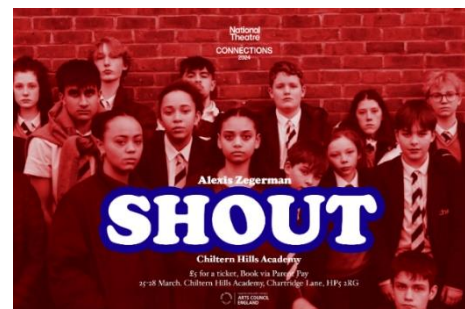
Mrs R Tole
Exams Officer

National Theatre Connections – SHOUT

Our group has been in the studio from 3:10 to 5:00 on Mondays and Wednesdays after school, working on our National Theatre Connections production, SHOUT. Our young performers' commitment and attitude astounds us.

This will be performed in the school hall on Wednesday 27 & Thursday 28 March. The price for parents is £5 a ticket. One evening we will have a National Theatre director in attendance to give us detailed notes before moving the show to the Royal & Derngate theatre in Northampton. We would be delighted if you could come and support the work that our students are doing.

Ms P Leathers and Mrs S Mitchell
Drama Department



U13 Girls' Football

An amazing debut season for our U13 Girls unfortunately comes to an end. After being entered in the county cup for the first time ever, our Year 7/8 girls' football team fell just short of a semifinal spot, marking the end to an impressive campaign!

What a great year for girls' football at CHA, thanks again to Ahead Tuition for sponsoring the team and enabling them to have the school's very first girls football kit.

Mr G Muddiman
Teacher of PE



Extra-Curricular Sport Timetable

Please see the extra-curricular sport timetable for this half term. We would love to see as many students at the clubs as possible. Don't forget your kit!

Day time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch time	KS3 Futsal GEM Y7 Dance EMB	All Years Cricket JCA	Y8 Dance EMB	All Years Badminton OLS	Y11/Y12/Y13 Basketball GEM
After School	Y9-Y11 Basketball GEM Y9-Y10 Netball OLS and JEK Y7-Y8 Handball JCA KS3 Dance Co EMB		Y9-Y11 Handball GEM Y7-Y8 Netball OLS and JEK KS5 GBDO Rehearsal EMB	Y7 Basketball JCA Y8 Basketball OLS Y7 Boys' Football GEM Y7-Y8 Girls Football OLH KS5 GBDO Rehearsal EMB	
All Dance Clubs in OF2					

Mr G Muddiman
Teacher of PE

Y10 RISE Workshop with ICAEW

Over the last few weeks, Year 10 have been taking part in the RISE workshops in association with the Talent Foundry and the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW). The workshop helped nurture and raise aspirations and encouraged students to develop skills required to succeed in life and work. It was a fantastic opportunity to build skills through activities linked to the curriculum and the world of work, working with volunteers from the world of finance.



"The RISE workshop last Wednesday was great fun and gave us a view on budgeting, teamwork and finding our skills that a company might want. The people were friendly and engaging." Archie

"Good atmosphere and enjoyed the workshop, especially developing our skills working in teams and getting prepared for the world of work." Chloe

Mrs A Hemsworth
Careers Leader

Classroom to Careers

The January edition of Classroom to Careers is available [here](#). This month is a special Apprenticeship edition.

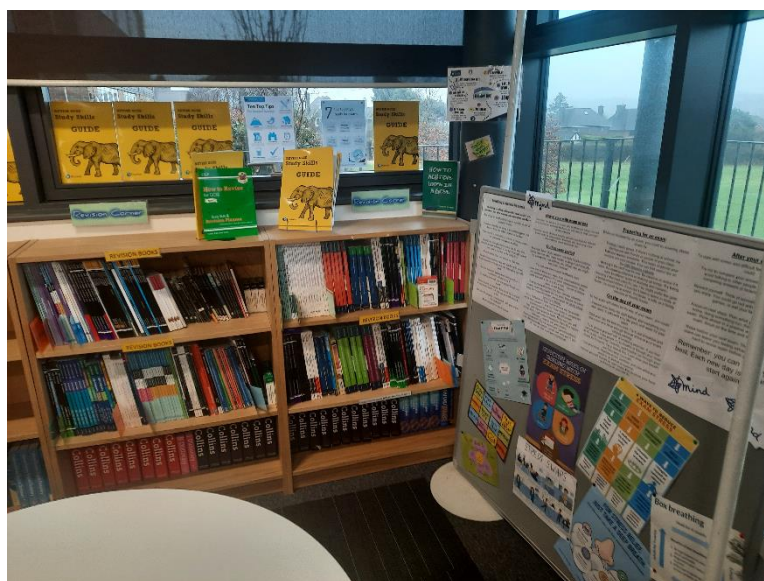
Mrs A Hemsworth
Careers Leader

Library Update

Now we have all settled down from the joy and chaos of Christmas, if you are having a spring book clear-out, please do consider donating them to the library. I would happily accept books in good condition suitable for ages 10-18.

The revision corner is now finished, with helpful study tips, ideas to deal with exam stress (from the charity Mind) and breathing exercises. The library is open 8.30am to 4.00pm each day for anyone who wants to use the library to study quietly or finish homework. All revision titles are available to borrow.

There have been a couple of questions about our Amazon Wishlist. The list is below and if you wanted to buy a book for the library. Simply click the link, put anything you wish to purchase in your basket and pay for it. The books will automatically be sent to school, so you do not have to worry about delivering them.
https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2SA7D39VE70IR?ref=abls_nvfly_yl



"What on earth could be more luxurious than a sofa, a book, and a cup of coffee?"
The Warden by Anthony Trollope

Mrs K Davenport
School Librarian

Consultation to Admission Arrangements

STATUTORY CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS

Statutory Consultation on proposed changes to the Admissions Arrangements for Chiltern Hills Academy to take effect from the beginning of the academic year 2025-26

Each year the admission authority for all schools and academies are required to review their admission arrangements. The admission authority must consult on proposed changes to the admission arrangements and conduct a consultation on the policy every 7 years.

The admission authority for Chiltern Hills Academy is its Governing Body. The Governing Body has decided to consult on proposed changes to the school's admission arrangements which would take effect from the beginning of the academic year 2025-26.

The main change proposed are :

4 'Children of members of staff'

This has been moved above the rule for 'Children living in the catchment area of the school'.

This means that the over-subscription criteria in the event that there are more applicants than places available would be applied in the following order:

- 1 Looked-after children and children who were previously looked after, including those children who appear to have been in state care outside England, but ceased to be so as a result of being adopted.
- 2 Families who have exceptional medical or social needs that make it essential that their child attends Chiltern Hills Academy rather than any other. These needs must be fully supported by written evidence from the appropriate professional person involved with the family.
- 3 Children with a normal home address in the catchment area and with a sibling on roll at the school at the time of application or whose parent has accepted an offer of a place at the school and who is expected still to be in attendance at the time of entry to the school.
- 4 Children of members of staff
- 5 Children with a normal home address in the catchment area
- 6 Children with a normal home address outside the catchment area and with a sibling on roll at the school at the time of application or whose parent has accepted an offer of a place at the school and who is expected still to be in attendance at the time of entry to the school.
- 7 Other children.

The full admissions criteria including changes to catchment are available in the document on our website www.chilternacademy.co.uk/admissions.

The consultation period for this policy will run from **Friday 1 December 2023 for 6 weeks until Friday 26 January 2024**.

The Governing Body welcomes any comments on the proposed change. Please email your comments to office@chacademy.co.uk or send via post to the school clearly marked 'Admissions Policy 2025 Consultation'.

Please note other schools have also published consultations on their admissions policy. Please do look out for other schools admission policies consultancies in the area on their websites.

Sunday 3rd March

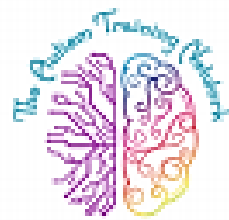
Spring Craft Fayre

10:30 – 15:00 Free Admission

craft stalls Easter raffle refreshments

at Chiltern Hills Academy

Interested in holding a stall?
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Parent/Carer Autism Online Workshops

Whether your child is awaiting a diagnosis or has already been diagnosed, these workshops are a great opportunity to learn more about Autism & ask questions within a supportive group of other parents & carers.

- **Monday 5th February - An introduction to Autism**
An opportunity to explore what Autism is, the many strengths and the differences that make each child so wonderfully unique.
- **Monday 12th February - Communication**
Identifying what communication is and the different communication methods that may be helpful for Autistic children.
- **Monday 19th February - Sensory Processing**
Explaining the 8 sensory systems, how the environment can impact on a child with sensory processing differences/challenges and strategies to meet an individual's sensory needs.
- **Monday 26th February - Pathological Demand Avoidance**
A look into the interesting subject of PDA, how this may present and what is the best approach to take to avoid conflict.

Workshops will be held 7:30-8:30pm via Zoom.

£25 per workshop for each family.

To book your place... Email enquiries@theautismtrainingnetwork.com

Or scan the QR code





Enjoy a walk in beautiful scenery and plant snowdrops in support of Child Bereavement UK, then join us for refreshments in West Wycombe village hall.

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Monday 12th February
&
Wednesday 14th February



2pm - 3:15pm- Foundation
3:30pm - 4:45pm- Higher

Each session will be 1hr 15min & will focus on key material from
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New growing & cookery workshops for 13-18 year olds

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Spaces are limited, the workshops are free, so please BOOK NOW!

Date	Topic	Booking link
Thursday 8 Feb 5-6.30pm	Growing workshop: chitting potatoes, radish, red onion sets	www.trybooking.com/uk/DALC
Thur 22 Feb, 5-6.30pm	Cookery Workshop: fermenting & preserving	www.trybooking.com/uk/DALB
Thur 7 Mar 5-6.30pm	Growing workshop: potatoes, beetroot, cucumber	www.trybooking.com/uk/DALD
Thur 11 April 5-6.30pm	Growing workshop: climbing beans, peppers, tomatoes	www.trybooking.com/uk/DALF
Thur 18 April 5-6.30pm	Cookery workshop: mushrooms & alternative protein sources	www.trybooking.com/uk/DALA
Thur 9 May 5-6.30pm	Growing workshop - tbc	www.trybooking.com/uk/DALH
Wed 15 May 5-6.30pm	Cookery workshop - tbc	www.trybooking.com/uk/DAKZ



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www.roadfarmcountryways.com

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