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Message from the Acting Principal

As the Year 11 and Year 13 students embark on their second set of mock examinations the sports hall has become the location for these exams once again. The attitude and commitment of the students during these exams has been exemplary so far and it is clear that they are taking them very seriously and trying hard to do their best. Please do help to support them during this time by encouraging them to revise, have the right equipment for each exam and maintain good habits to help them to achieve their best. There are also other year groups who will be taking their progress check 2 assessments and should be busy preparing for these. Please do feel free to liaise with us if there is any information you feel you or your child needs to support them. You can contact teachers directly through emails or contact me.

We continue to improve standards at Chiltern Hills and there is a positive atmosphere around the school with students and teachers working hard in lessons. Please can I ask that you support your child by ensuring that they have a school bag with all their equipment in. Every student does need to have a pen (black or blue), pencil, rubber, ruler, calculator and reading book to help them with their learning in most lessons. Self-discipline is one of our 7 Chiltern Hills Academy values and I feel that being organised and ready to learn is part of this value and provides an excellent preparation for life. We do also require students to have the Chiltern Hills Academy PE kit for PE lessons and any issues with this can be dealt with by our excellent PE department at the school.

Included in this newsletter you will see information relating to our Behaviour for Learning policy. We have included the Rewards Ladder and the Behaviour Ladder so that you can see how we are addressing both these areas with our students. We have a firm belief that rewards and recognition are very important and that students should feel valued for the great work and positive behaviours that they display. We record all our rewards and it is fair to say that students do receive a significant amount of merits for a variety of different things. If you do not have access to the SIMs App which you can use to receive notification of merits awarded to students, please do let us know and we can help you to set this up. The behaviour ladder is also included so that you can see how we use a clear consequence system to support behaviour in the school. Mrs Anning and Mrs Conway oversee behaviour and attitudes at the school, so please feel free to contact them if you wish relating to this information.

There have been some fantastic matches and results recently and you can keep up

to date with everything that goes on in our PE department by joining them on Instagram. This is a great way of communicating our events, successes and information to you and in our modern world it provides instant access to the world of sport at Chiltern Hills Academy. Please do contact Mr Callendar (Head of PE) if you require more information.

I would like to finish off by thanking you all for the support that you have shown us over the last week and for the outstanding attitude of our students. Please do contact me at the school if you have anything that you want to ask or tell me. I can be contacted at: office@chacademy.co.uk

Mr T Dobbs

Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
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

Behaviour (Please see attachments below)

At Chiltern Hills Academy we are committed to fostering a positive and conducive learning environment, and a key component of this commitment to learning is our Behaviour Policy. Our Behaviour Policy is designed to create a safe, respectful, and inclusive atmosphere where every student can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

We have created a Rewards and Behaviour Ladder to illustrate the key points of our Behaviour Policy. Our Rewards and Behaviour Ladders emphasise the importance of respecting oneself and others, valuing diversity, and taking pride in contributing to a harmonious learning community.

Below you will see our Rewards Ladder and our Behaviour Ladder. All students have a copy of this in their student planners. I believe that by working together, we can develop an environment where every student feels valued and has a positive learning experience.

Next week we have some additions to our Rewards Ladder. Mr Dobbs and I will be hosting Afternoon Tea with SLT. Students are nominated by their form tutors and are invited to an afternoon tea with cakes and juice where we play board games and celebrate the students' achievements. We have replaced Student of the Month with Half Term Hero where students can be nominated by any member of staff. The students might be nominated for effort, academic excellence or reflecting our CHA values.

All students who are nominated receive merits, a postcard home and a certificate. The student in the year group which has been awarded the Half Term Hero also receives a pass to go to the front of the canteen queue with a friend, for a week. We want to celebrate our students and are very proud of all their achievements.

Mrs C Anning
Assistant Principal - Behaviour



IN LESSONS:

Rewards Ladder

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION:

50
Merits

★ 100% attendance for the year

30
Merits

★ Principals Commendation

15
Merits

★ Half Term Hero
★ All 1's for learning/homework on a Progress Check

★ No consequences for a term
★ Vice Principals commendation

10
Merits

★ Achieving 60% or/above on a progress check

★ Contribution to extra-curricular clubs
★ No consequences in a half term
★ 100% attendance in a term

5
Merits

★ Excellent work during whole unit of work
★ Subject postcard home
★ Mixture of 1s and 2s on progress check

★ Participation in an assembly
★ Meeting school attendance targets

4
Merits

★ Showing respect

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3
Merits

★ Displaying CHA values: Self-Discipline, Love, Hope, Honesty, Forgiveness, Compassion

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2
Merits

★ Excellent performance on a report

1
Merit

★ Excellent work
★ Significant improvement in effort
★ Excellent homework
★ Showing leadership skills

★ Consistent punctuality
★ Correct uniform
★ No behaviour points in a week

Behaviour Ladder

Preventing themselves and others from learning:

- Persistent B5 behaviour

Lack of respect for OUR environment and community:

- Swearing at or about a member of staff
- Theft
- Intimidation or aggression towards a member of our community
- Possession and/or consumption of alcohol
- Persistent bullying/racism/homophobia/transphobia/sexism/negative behaviour towards protected characteristics and appearance

Preventing themselves and others from learning:

- Persistent B4 behaviour
- Walking out of school

Lack of respect for OUR environment and community:

- Damage to school/other's property
- Swearing across a room at another student
- Deliberate defiance
- Bullying/racism/homophobia/transphobia/sexism/negative behaviour towards protected characteristics and appearance
- Harmful Sexual Behaviour
- Fighting with another student/behaviour that compromises the safety of others

Preventing themselves and others from learning:

- Persistent B3 behaviour
- Removal from lesson

Lack of respect for OUR environment and community:

- Misbehaviour in/failure to attend a B3 detention
- Being caught in an out of bounds area
- Anti-social behaviour
- Smoking/possession of cigarettes, lighters, e-cigarettes
- Inciting others to fight

Preventing themselves and others from learning:

- Behaviour has not improved after the issuing of the B2
- Rudeness to a member of staff
- Refusal/failure to follow instructions
- Removal from lesson
- Inappropriate language inc. swearing in conversation
- Lateness to lessons (more than 5 minutes)/missing lessons
- Failure to attend homework detention

Lack of respect for OUR environment and community:

- Graffiti/Chewing gum
- Persistent uniform issues
- Misuse of mobile technology
- Being in the vicinity of smokers

Preventing themselves and others from learning:

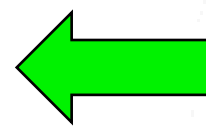
- Behaviour has not improved after the first request
- Not prepared for the lesson – lack of equipment/ classwork/homework not completed

Lack of respect for our environment

- Eating in corridor/dropping litter

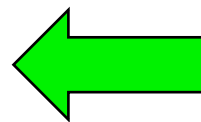
Preventing themselves and others from learning:

- Talking/arguing/out of seat/late



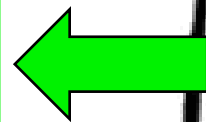
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Suspension from school – internal or external



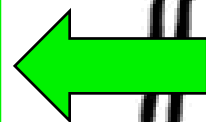
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One day in the Reflection Room



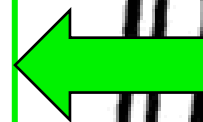
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Principal's detention 1 or 2 hours



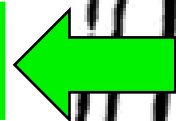
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Afterschool detention



B2

Break time/lunchtime detention



B1

Verbal warning



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

We have been working with Bucks Mental Health Support Team (MHST) for quite a while now.

<https://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/camhs/bucks/mhst/>

The MHST have been working with a number of our students who need some additional support, working in partnership with Buckinghamshire Council. They have a number of specialists working as Education Mental Health Practitioners, Youth Workers and Family Workers. Please use the link above to see how they work in schools across the county. The website is full of information for parents in need of advice and support. Below is a link to some Online learning that was shared by the MHST this week.

[MindEd For Families](#) – Online e-learning and short courses for parents who have teenagers experiencing mental health difficulties. "For parents facing difficult times and hard decisions, these resources can make a real difference. I strongly recommend them to any adult caring for a child with mental health challenges."

If you are concerned about your child please get in touch and let us know so we can get the right support in place.

Please email safeguarding@chaacademy.co.uk and we will get back to you

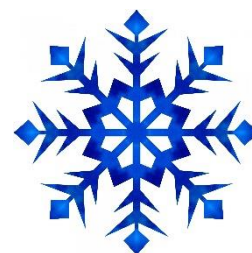
Mrs J Conway

Vice Principal

Executive Designated Safeguarding Lead

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 and 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

PE

Sixth Form Basketball

The Sixth Form Basketball team kicked off their season last week with a closely contested 47-47 draw against Chalfont Community College! A great comeback in the last quarter allowed the chance for CHA to equalise in the last seconds of the game!



Year 7 Football Tournament

Sixteen Year 7s spent Tuesday afternoon at Beaconsfield Town FC for a football tournament. The students were split into 2 teams, finishing joint 2nd place with each-other! Well done to all involved - Player of the Tournament was Josh/Bobby (Team 1) and George (Team 2).

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!

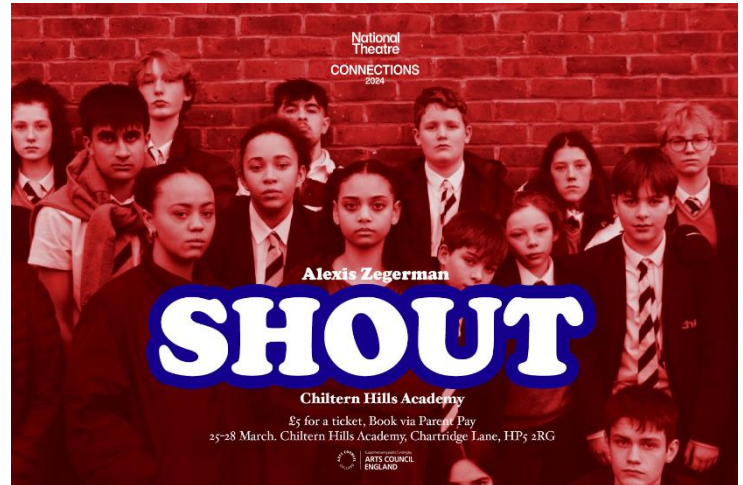
Day time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch time	KS3 Futsal GEM Y7 Dance EMB	All Years Cricket JCA	Y8 Dance EMB	All Years Badminton OLS	Y11/Y12/Y13 Basketball GEM
After School	Y9-Y11 Basketball GEM Y9-Y10 Netball OLS and JEK Y7-Y8 Handball JCA KS3 Dance Co EMB		Y9-Y11 Handball GEM Y7-Y8 Netball 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					

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 27th March & Thursday 28th 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



Library News

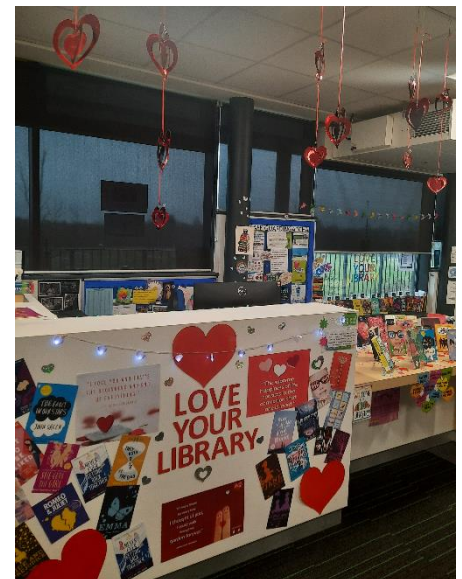
Love is in the air in the library! With Valentine's Day just a couple of weeks away, there is a lovely, red hearted display in the library, brimming with romance stories new and old. The children can come and borrow a love story with many genre crossovers; be it LGBT, a fantasy fiction love story or the rolling dales of Heathcliff and Kathy in Wuthering Heights, there is something for everyone. We also have a new "Book of the Week". This week's book is Asha and The Spirit Bird by Jasbinder Bilan, a gorgeous, magical adventure that explores themes of faith, family and friendship.

The children have been very excited by the new graphic novel and comic area that I have made. I am very keen for it to grow, so any donations you may have would be gladly accepted. I must admit, I am a novice in this area, so if your child has any suggestions on great titles I can add, please tell them to pop in and see me, I would love to get more Anime and Manga.

More loyalty cards have been filled in recently, congratulations to Jasmin – Y9, CJ and Zalak - Y7. Loyalty cards are available at the front of my desk, a child gets a sticker for every book they return that they have finished, and 8 stickers gets them a prize!

Some lovely donations have come in from the Amazon Wishlist, as ever, thank you so much!

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2SA7D39VE70IR?ref=abls_nvfly_yl



There is a lot to look forward to in the coming months, World Book Day, International Women's Day, Shakespeare Day, Easter, Eid and a book Fayre for the summer term. Keep an eye on the Newsletter for more details.

Don't forget to follow the Library on Instagram @libraryatcha

"It is not true we have only one life to love, if we can read, we can live as many lives and as many kinds of lives as we wish." S.I. Hayakawa

Mrs K Davenport
School Librarian

Careers

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 5 TO 11 FEBRUARY

Apprenticeship Week takes place from 5 February where schools, colleges, employers, career advisers and thousands of students come together to celebrate Apprenticeships in support of the Government-run **National Apprenticeship Week**.

The theme for National Apprenticeship Week 2024 is “Skills for Life”. We will be encouraging everyone to consider how Apprenticeships can help individuals to develop the skills and knowledge required for a rewarding career, and employers to develop a workforce with future ready skills.



Throughout the week, CHA students will take part in subject led Apprenticeship activities including films, games, posters, presentations and much more.

Join [Unifrog](#) Virtual Fair to learn all about the world of apprenticeships. Explore the latest apprenticeship opportunities, attend live sessions with top employers including BBC, British Army, KPMG, Lloyds Banking Group and Unilever, and network one-on-one to get top tips on how to find and apply for your dream apprenticeship. Students can also search Unifrog's Apprenticeship tool which is the most comprehensive database of apprenticeships and degree apprenticeships in the UK.

All CHA students can access their **Unifrog** account from their welcome email. For those who cannot remember their password, please re-set it online [here](#)

Parents and Carers. You can also sign up to Unifrog. Please use this QR code or access the website [here](#)



There are also some useful National Apprenticeship “on demand” videos from companies such as Jaguar Land rover, Ministry of Defence, Amazon and IBM along with many Digital, Construction, Financial companies - all offering Apprenticeship opportunities. Please click [here](#)

[Classroom to Careers](#) has a special focus on Apprenticeships and is out now

If you are interested in Apprenticeships, sign up to the [Find an Apprenticeship](#) Government website and set up email alerts.



BUCKS SKILLS HUB NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEBINARS

Tuesday 6 February 6-7pm – Apprenticeship Levels 2, 3 & 4

Hear from recent Apprentices from local companies; Softcat (IT), All Spring Media, BGC (Carpentry and Building works), Sumitomo Demag (sells and maintains injection moulding machines) and Amazon Prime. Please sign up to reserve your place [here](#):

Wednesday 7 February 6-7pm – Degree Level apprenticeships, level 6

Hear from a Business Degree Apprentice with Zenopa (leading recruitment business), a CX Technical Degree Apprentice at Cisco (global IT), a Manufacturing Engineer Apprentice at DMC (manufacturing/engineering) and an Accountancy Apprentice at Saffery. Please sign up to reserve your place [here](#)

Bucks Skills Hub also have put together some great resources for Apprenticeships in the local area which you can find [here](#) and a useful introduction to Apprenticeships video [here](#)

Y11/12 WORK EXPERIENCE AT GEORGE BROWNS, CHESHAM

Last week, George Browns Chesham (Agricultural Machinery and mechanical equipment specialists) invited 6 students to spend a day with them. Students were given a tour of the site and participated in practical work on

an engine, removing the alternator and fan belt and then replacing them. The students then took part in a timed competition to see who could correctly remove the replace the fastest with Ben taking the prize.

George Browns explained all the apprenticeships they offer including an all-expenses paid residential component in Wales which helped students understanding of potential career paths.

Our students had a brilliant day, participated actively and showcased dedication and effort. A huge thank you to George Browns for such a fantastic, well-organised and enriching day and Mrs Raja for accompanying them. It is through partnerships like these that we can provide our students with a truly holistic and uplifting educational experience.



Mrs A Hemsworth
Careers Leader

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?

Email chapta@chacademy.co.uk for further details

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West Wycombe Park, Bucks
SUN 4 FEB 2024, 10:30am - 4pm (Last entry 4.30pm)

*Only guide & clearing bags permitted

Advance tickets purchased from our website:

£3 Adults, concessions £2 (under 16s free)

Tickets purchased on the gate:

£5 Adults, concessions £3 (under 16s free)



childbereavementuk.org/snowdrop

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Tuesday 13th February
10am-1pm

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Wednesday 14th February
10am-1pm

**GCSE
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CAROL'**

Thursday 15th February
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FEBRUARY HALF TERM GCSE Maths



ONLINE EXAM PREDICTED PAPER

Likely to feature material for the 2024 Summer Exams

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
Edexcel, AQA, OCR

**Monday-
Wednesday -**

Paper 1, Foundation & Higher Tier, non calculator paper
Paper 2, Foundation & Higher Tier, calculator paper

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Limited Spaces available

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Autism Empowerment Webinar

This one-hour lunchtime webinar is a brief exploration of how Autism can present, the history of Autism, diagnosis as well as differences in communication and social interaction. We will also be looking at how the environment can impact on someone with sensory processing challenges.

The main aim of this webinar is to focus on the many strengths autistic individuals have and how we can increase understanding and Neuro-inclusivity through education and raising awareness.

Webinars are held on Zoom on the following dates:

Thursday 29th February 12:30 to 13:30

Friday 29th March 12:30 to 13:30

Friday 26th April 12:30 to 13:30

At the end of the webinar, you will receive a certificate of attendance that will be emailed to your given email address.

The cost of this one-hour webinar is only £5.50!

To book your place on the webinar please either scan the QR code below or go to: www.theautismtrainingnetwork.com/training

"For every person who understands Autism better, another Autistic person will be happier."
Libby Scott, Autistic Author (at age 11)





New growing & cookery workshops for 13-18 year olds

Join us on our farm to grow heritage and colourful plants in our polytunnel such as blue skinned potatoes, aubergine 'Black beauty' and red onions dating back to the 1900s. Then harvest the foods grown to create seasonal tasty meals in our cookery workshops. Learn about sustainable food production, and how growing plants has a positive impact on your own health, increases biodiversity and reduces the negative impact of food production on our planet.

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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