

# Parent Bulletin

11th November 2022



Dear Parents

This week ends with pride as we joined our amazing students in a wonderful act of remembrance. The students were an absolute credit to our community and joined members of the British Legion and some of the Windsor Academy Trust leadership in observing 2 minutes' silence, paying their respects and offering their gratitude for those who have given their lives and service in defence of our nation and way of life.

Special mention goes to those students who are in the cadets, scouts, guides and other organisations who led the parade alongside representatives from the British Legion and Miss Puszczynska who serves in the Territorial Army, and Mrs Burton who blew the Last Post - my thanks for all of their contribution to a very special moment.

Next week we look forward to our Aspire Sixth Open Evening taking place on Wednesday evening from 5.30pm. I do hope our Year 11 students and families will join us to find out more about our offer - I will be available through the evening and would love to meet some more of our Year 11 parents so please do come and say hello!

Have a great weekend!



**Tom Macdonald**  
Headteacher

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## A group of approximately 20 young people, likely members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) cadets, are posing for a group photo. They are standing in front of a brick building with a flag that reads "THE ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE". The group includes individuals in full military uniforms, some in civilian clothing, and others in police uniforms. They are arranged in two rows, with some standing on a paved area and others on a grassy area. The background shows a brick building and some trees.

'Lest we forget; Remembering our fallen heroes'



Students have really enjoyed the days and shared comments on their feedback forms saying:

Year 9 student

'It made me consider different types of jobs that I had never thought about or even knew existed and made me want to learn more' and 'It allowed me to learn about a job I didn't even know existed, and has given me more motivation'.

Mrs K Spooner



## Aspire for Life Day 2

Mrs J Burton

We'd like to thank:

NHS

South Staffs Council

Barhale

Taylor Wimpey

In-Comm Training

The British Army

Matt & Elliot

Cross Country Rail

Handelsbanken

For supporting the event.

After Christmas more encounters will be held at lunchtime for all years. If you are able to support one of these events please contact Mrs Burton

[jburton@cheslynhay.windsoracademytrust.org.uk](mailto:jburton@cheslynhay.windsoracademytrust.org.uk) for more details.

## SEND Open Day

Mr M Bourne



Walsall College believes that everybody should be allowed to learn and maximise their potential, regardless of their learning needs. If you or your child has an identified additional support need and/or medical condition then one of their Supported Learning courses or full time courses could be the perfect way for them to boost their confidence, life skills and independent living skills.

Walsall College Open Day is an opportunity for students and parents to visit the college to find out more about the courses running from September 2023. To register for the event, please follow this [link](#).

## Digital Learning

Mr G Hood



If a year 7 - 11 student forgets their iPad, forgets to charge their iPad or if it is in for repair, they should borrow a Chromebook from the Digital Learning Training Centre (DLTC). There is no reason for any student in these year groups to be in lessons without a 1-2-1 device to complete their work. If a student borrows a device and habitually fails to return it, they will have to leave their phone with us in return for a loan device next time. Phones are returned at the end of the day when the loan device is returned. If a student needs to make an urgent phone call during the day, they should visit Student Services who will arrange for that to happen; students should not be using their mobiles during the school day.

A reminder that students and parents can access the homework calendar via Class Charts (either the student or the parent app). Most often, the calendar will redirect the students to their Google Classroom where the work and resources are posted. If a student is absent from school, they can access the work they missed via Google Classroom as soon as they are able. This means that an unavoidable absence from school will not result in missed learning or a gap in their knowledge. If a student needs support completing the work on Google Classroom, they can email their

teacher or leave a message via Google Classroom.

Finally, we are starting to gather evidence from across our schools showcasing how digital technologies are used to power-up teaching and learning. [Click here](#) to see a small selection of examples.

## Safeguarding Update

Miss L Podmore

If you have any concerns about your child's wellbeing including issues with other students within the school please contact your child's Head of House to bring this to their attention so that this can be resolved as swiftly as possible. If the concern is related to safeguarding then please contact a member of the safeguarding team. See contact details below:

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## Useful Information

[WAT student and parent website](#)  
[Adverse Weather policy](#)  
[Class Charts Parents' Information Guide](#)  
[Cheslyn Hay Academy Website](#)

### Remote Education

If you have any questions about remote education please contact Mr. Hood at [info@cheslynhay.windsoracademytrust.org.uk](mailto:info@cheslynhay.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)

### Student illness

Please let us know if your child is ill by reporting the absence through the Class Charts App or website. If your child is too ill to access the work via their Google Classrooms, please add this detail to the dialogue box. Please let us know how long you think they will be

unable to complete the work and if the illness is suspected coronavirus

### Questions or queries

General questions or concerns about your child, the work set or other issues please email

[CHA-HoH@cheslynhay.windsoracademytrust.org.uk](mailto:CHA-HoH@cheslynhay.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)

### Updates and messages

The Student and Parent site is regularly updated with messages and guidance [Student and Parent / Carer Remote Working Guidance website.](#)

### iPad for Learning Scheme

If you are a Key Stage 3 parent and would like to know more about our exciting new scheme, please email [ghood@cheslynhay.windsoracademytrust.org.uk](mailto:ghood@cheslynhay.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)

### Help with Google Classroom

The Student and Parent site has guidance and help with any questions on how to use Google classroom

### Technical Support for Google Classroom

For technical support, such as password resets, please use the technical help request on the Student and Parent site [Tech Help](#)

### Safeguarding

The Cheslyn Hay Academy Safeguarding Team members are

- Ms L Podmore
- Mr D Wigg
- Mrs S Saunders
- Mrs K Spooner
- Mr M Bourne
- Mrs J Bonser
- Mr C Baker

Please email

[cha-sgt@cheslynhay.windsoracademytrust.org.uk](mailto:cha-sgt@cheslynhay.windsoracademytrust.org.uk) if you have any concerns.

However, if you have a safeguarding concern about a child please call First Response on **0300 111 8007** outside of the school's hours. If there is an urgent

response needed please phone 999 or 111

For anything else please email [headteacher@cheslynhay.windsoracademytrust.org.uk](mailto:headteacher@cheslynhay.windsoracademytrust.org.uk) or use the contact us page on our website [Contact](#)

### **Term Dates 22/23**

#### **Inset Days (school closed to students):**

Monday 5th September  
Friday 30th September  
Friday 2nd December  
Monday 26th June  
Monday 24th July  
Tuesday 25th July

#### **Autumn Term 2022**

Inset day: Monday 5 September  
Term starts: Tuesday 6 September  
Inset day: Friday 30th September  
Holiday: Monday 24 October – Friday 28 October  
Inset day: Friday 2nd December  
Term ends: Friday 16 December  
Holiday: Monday 19 December – Monday 2 January

#### **Spring Term 2023**

Term starts: Tuesday 3 January  
Holiday: Monday 20 February – Friday 24 February  
Term ends: Friday 31 March  
Holiday: Monday 3 April – Friday 14 April  
Easter Sunday: Sunday 9 April

#### **Summer Term 2023**

Term starts: Monday 17 April  
May Day: Monday 1 May  
Holiday: Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June  
Inset day: Monday 26th June  
Term ends: Friday 21 July  
Inset day: 24th July and 25th July  
Holiday: Wednesday 26 July – Friday 1 September