

# Parent Bulletin

13th January 2023

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Dear Parents

We do feel like we are back in full swing now with the term fully underway. Sixth form students have been undertaking exams, a mixture of Mock and real, so we wish them all the best of luck and they will no doubt be anticipating the Year 13 Mock results day on Thursday with a mixture of excitement and trepidation!

With this, then, we enter the proper build up to the national exams this Summer and will be working hard, particularly with Year 11 and 13 students, to build their revision skills and exam techniques in the coming months. To support this, and for students in lower years, all of our students have access to '[Century Tech](#)' using their school google login. This fantastic online resource helps students develop their maths and English skills and knowledge, targeting specifically the areas that each student struggles with and developing a bespoke programme to help them improve. We strongly encourage all students to give this a go on their route to GCSE Maths and English as it is proven to have a very positive impact on GCSE grades.

We also had a couple of important visitors this week... from Ofsted! Whilst we were not formally being inspected, our sister school was pleased to welcome an inspection team this week, and we were only too happy to support them and show off the benefits of our joint Sixth form arrangements. We all have our fingers crossed for a positive report from them in the not too distant future!

Have a great weekend!



**Tom Macdonald**  
Headteacher

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## Digital Learning

Mr G Hood



Students in years 7-10 continue to exploit the power of the iPads in their lessons. This week, I saw Year 8 Geography students using Google Sheets to construct climate graphs, using some of the built-in functions to analyse the data. I've also seen a whole class of students using the true/false statements in the WAT AFL App to express their understanding of digital vs analogue in computer science. Using this app, the understanding of all students was assessed, not just the few volunteers with their hands up! This provides an opportunity for the teacher to intervene where incorrect responses are provided before continuing; making sure that no student is left behind and unsure.

Finally, a reminder that the Class Charts app for parents remains our main communication platform. Most parents are now accessing the app but, if you are yet to register, just drop Mr Hood an email stating your child's name and tutor group (please send from your email account identified in the school's records). The Class Charts app provides details of rewards, sanctions, timetable, homework, detentions, attendance, etc. It really helps us to work together in partnership more effectively.

## Safeguarding Update

Miss L Podmore

We have been notified by Staffordshire County Council that there is "A game" being circulated via Facebook to children which contains several different actions for them to complete, including the encouragement of self-harm and hurting others.

Whilst many of our children will, I am sure, be confident in ignoring these messages, I am also conscious that around the country there have been several incidents where dares via social media have led to a child's harm.

It is for this reason that I am making you aware of this information so that you can talk to your children about this.

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.

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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)

### 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  
Additional Bank Holiday - Monday 8th 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