

# Parent Bulletin

## 13th October 2023



### Dear Parents & Carers,

A wet and grey week this past week, but looking forward to some brighter days ahead. Next week we will be welcoming prospective students for our ASPIRE Sixth form in an open morning for students from our sister school, Great Wyrley; then inviting all of our Year 11s with their parents to join us for our [Aspire Sixth Open Evening](#) on Wednesday 18th October (*my apologies for an error in the previous bulletin, the Open Evening **is** taking place on **Wednesday** from 5.30pm until 8.00pm*). I look forward to seeing all of our Year 11 students and parents on that evening - a crucial part of our students' progression from Key Stage 4 to Key Stage 5.

### Conflict in Gaza and Israel

This week has been a challenging week for many with the news of conflict in Israel and Gaza. Our challenges in Britain, whilst very real and often very personal, are brought into perspective against the backdrop of the horror of conflict on that scale. We are keen to touch on this topic with students over the next week and will seek to sensitively discuss the situation; consider some of the history; and try our best to provide an impartial view of the facts. We are very conscious that this is an emotive subject and many will, quite reasonably, hold strong opinions of their own. For our part we will make every effort to remain impartial whilst providing students with factual information, drawn largely from the BBC and historical sources designed for school use, and seek to allow students to form their own opinions with you.

### Reporting Absences and Medical Appointments

As you know I have been focussing on the importance of attendance to school each day, working on the very strong evidence that the more time students spend in school, the better they perform academically and socially through their future. To assist with our management and support of attendance, please can you try, in the first instance, to report absences and medical appointments through ClassCharts using the 'report absence' tab. This will help our team to rapidly and accurately record attendance each morning so that we can provide key support wherever needed.

### ClassCharts Update

We have been listening to feedback from parents/carers around ClassCharts and we are looking into the possibility of you being able to see comments from teachers regarding positive and negative marks in addition to the 'activity headings'. Hopefully this will provide more detail enabling you to support the school in having conversations around your child's day with clearer information. Watch this space, we will be in touch with more information soon on how this approach will work.

Have a great weekend!

**Tom Macdonald**

Headteacher

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## Notices

### Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Next Week (16th - 20th October)</b>			Aspire Sixth Open Evening		
<b>Week After (23rd - 27th October)</b>					School Day finishes at 3.00pm for the half term holiday
<b>Future Events</b>	<b>Half Term Break - Sat 28th October to Sun 5th November</b> <b>School resumes Monday 6th November</b>				

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## Useful Info

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

### 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

Mrs J Bonser  
Mr M Bourne

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](#)



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### Term Dates 23/24

#### Autumn Term 2023

Half Term: Monday 30 October - Friday 3 November  
Inset Day: Monday 27 November  
Inset Day: Friday 8 December  
Term Ends: Friday 22 December  
Holiday: Monday 25 December - Friday 5 January

#### Spring Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8 January  
Half Term: Monday 12 February - Friday 16 February  
Term Ends: Friday 22 March  
Holiday: Monday 25 March - Friday 5 April

#### Summer Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday April  
Half Term: Monday 27 May - Friday 31 May  
Inset Day: Friday 21 June  
Term Ends: Friday 19 July  
Inset Day: Monday 22 July  
Holidays: Tuesday 23 July - Friday 30 August

