

# Parent Bulletin

20th January 2023

Dear Parents

Aside from a somewhat surprising snowfall on Wednesday (my apologies this was significantly larger than predicted by the Met Office - I would usually expect to provide more guidance and warning in advance), this has been a positive week at Cheslyn Hay with Year 13 students gaining their Mock exam results and many of them having mentoring meetings with my Senior team to discuss how they can make the most of their exams this summer! We have also launched our ASPIRE Sixth Parents' evening booking, so please make sure you log on and book appointments as soon as possible to join our staff on that evening in two weeks.

You will no doubt be aware from recent media reports that one of the largest teacher unions - the National Education Union (NEU) - has declared strike action across four days in February and March. Confirmed dates for industrial action are as follows:

- Wednesday 1st February
- Wednesday 1st March
- Wednesday 15th March
- Thursday 16th March

We are currently talking to our staff about the strike action and to find out how many staff this will affect. Whilst employees are not required to inform their employer whether they intend to strike or not, we have excellent relationships with both our staff and our recognised unions and their cooperation on this matter looks highly likely. Whilst there will inevitably be disruption on those days, their cooperation will allow us to plan effectively to minimise the disruption to students and ensure we can support those who most need it effectively.

I will be writing to you next week to inform you of our plans and any changes we may have to make. Whilst there will no doubt be some disruption, I would like to reassure you that we will be looking to maintain education provision for as many of our students as possible whilst ensuring their safe supervision.

Thank you for your patience and understanding on this matter.



**Tom Macdonald**  
Headteacher

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## Digital Learning

Mr G Hood



How can teachers use the iPads to make sure that ALL students understand the work in class. The answer is a tool called whiteboard.fi. When a teacher wants to check the understanding of all students, they post a question focusing on the last chunk of learning. Students then access a virtual whiteboard using the QR code provided by the teacher. Now the teacher can see the virtual whiteboard of every student in the class and monitor their progress as they respond. The major benefit to the traditional 'hands up' approach is that the understanding of every child is being checked, not just the most confident who always raises their hand. When the teacher spots misconceptions or wrong answers, they can intervene meaning that no child is left behind in a state of confusion. The added benefit of using a virtual whiteboard in preference to the physical whiteboards used by so many schools is that responses can be saved at the click of a button and teachers can add backgrounds to the virtual whiteboards. For example, the teacher could present a whiteboard with the image of a heart on and ask students to label the significant parts. Now the teacher knows that every student understands before they continue to the next bit of learning.

## 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.

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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