

# Parent Bulletin

## 23rd September 2023

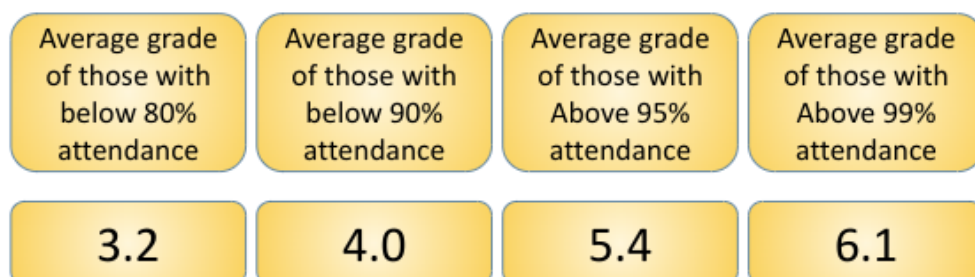


### Dear Parents & Carers,

As September progresses we get to our Open Week next week, with **Open Mornings** and our **Open Evening** all in the same week. September is always a busy time of year, and this year is no exception! In addition to the open events, we also have our **iPads for Learning launch for Year 7** on Tuesday; and our school **Photography day** for Years 7, 9, 11 and 12 on Wednesday, and finally one of our annual **INSET** days (In Service Training days) takes place on Friday. A reminder too that we close early on Thursday for the Open Evening.

The format for the photography day has changed somewhat this year as only Years 7, 9, 11 and 12 will have their photographs taken (or students in other year groups who do not yet have a photograph on record). Whilst the priority with our photography programme is to update our student records for safeguarding and school management, we will of course be offering parents the opportunity to purchase professional photographs of your children. Please note that there will still be an opportunity for siblings to have their photographs taken during lunch break - no need to book, students will just need to come down to the lecture theatre at the start of lunch with their brothers and/or sisters (in any year group). For the other photographs, students will be brought down to the sports hall for their photographs throughout the day by teachers.

**Attendance focus:** there has been a lot of news this week regarding the decline in attendance in schools: we are pleased that our school attendance is better than the national average, however it is still much lower than our attendance prior to the pandemic. We have done some research into the impact of strong attendance for our students and have found a very clear link between strong attendance and high academic performance - students with strong attendance gain a much higher average GCSE grade than those with low attendance. Please, then, do all that you can to make sure your child attends every day they are able - the benefits both academically and socially are very clear



Finally, a little advance warning that once our Open week is complete, we will start our focus with families on Year 11 preparation for both Mock examinations and their future educational options: we will have our **Year 11 Parents Information Evening** on Thursday 12th October, followed by our **Aspire Sixth Open Evening** on Wednesday 18th October. If your child is in Year 11, we look forward to seeing you on both evenings.

Have a great week!

**Tom Macdonald**  
Headteacher



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## Notices

### Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Next Week (25th - 29th September)</b>	Open Morning	Open Morning Year 7 iPads for Learning Launch Day	Open Morning School Photographs for Years 7,9 11 and 12	Open Evening	Inset Day - School closed
<b>Week After (2nd - 6th October)</b>					
<b>Future Events</b>	<b>Year 11 Parents Information Evening - 12th October</b> <b>Aspire Sixth Open Evening - 18th October</b>				

### Active Learning Week

Thank you to all parents in years 8, 9, 10 and 12 for completing the expression of interest form sent out last week regarding Active Learning Week 2024. There are still some places left, so if you have not yet completed your [expression of interest](#) - please do so very soon as we will be sending letters through next week giving more details; explaining the payment plans and options; and requesting the initial deposit to secure a place. Details of Day trips; Year 7 programme; and other activities will be shared after Half Term.

### Supporting our Community

Many of our community may remember a much loved ex-member of staff, Sally Crook, who, some time ago, worked in the Mathematics team and as an inclusion manager. Sally has been suffering from a very rare form of cancer. Whilst she was a part of our community she was battling her cancer and underwent operations and treatment, but sadly the cancer has now spread and she needs to explore new treatment options. We are hoping to help her raise the funds to pay for an alternative treatment to help her in her fight and, if you remember Sally and want to help, or even if you just wish to help a member of our Cheslyn Hay community, please find out more and consider donating on her just giving page below.

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/sally-crook-1?utm\\_term=v67ykMxAk](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/sally-crook-1?utm_term=v67ykMxAk)

### Preloved PE Kit

Our Pre-loved uniform shop has been a great success in supporting our community to find a cheaper source of good quality school uniform. However, we are running very low on preloved PE kit: if you have any old items of Cheslyn Hay PE kit that are in good condition, please do consider donating them to the school - this is an easy way to help support our Cheslyn Hay community: just drop of clean items in reception!



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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

Mr C Baker  
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

Term Starts: Tuesday 5 September  
Inset Day: Friday 29 September  
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

